

Town of Dorset, Vermont

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Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board October 19, 2021

Present: Tom Smith, Henry Chandler, Jim Salsgiver, Megan Thorn
Also, present: Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

Megan Thorn, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Meeting Minutes:

Henry Chandler moved and Jim Salsgiver seconded to approve the September 21st minutes, motion passed 4-0.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

R. Gaiotti presented an updated memo with regard to ARPA. The Town will receive around \$582,000 through summer 2022. This includes the county level funding. Discussion ensued about possible uses. R. Gaiotti attended workshops by VLCT. It was noted that negative economic impacts and revenue loss calculations would allow ARPA funds to be used for general government services. Further discussion ensued about gaining public input on how to use the funding.

Freedley Quarry:

R. Gaiotti presented information provided by Tread Lightly!. The group has outlined a possible partnership with the Town to help with 4x4 access to the Freedley Quarry and the general area. The Town is awaiting the formal agreement, and things have been working well so far.

Errors & Omissions: Grand List 2021-22

R. Gaiotti presented the errors & omissions as provided by the Assessing Dept. T. Smith moved and H. Chandler seconded to approve the Errors & Omissions for 2021, motion passed 4-0.

Old Business:

Broadband:

The Town has been assisting residents on Mad Tom Road and Danby Mountain Road in an attempt to get Comcast to run line extensions in areas where there are enough customers that costs of install to customers is low.

Town Office at Raptor Lane:

R. Gaiotti presented a memo on the next steps for the Town Office project at Raptor Lane. Agreements with vendors will be needed for design, permitting and ultimately construction and construction management. An RFP is in the works for construction and construction management.

East Dorset Traffic:

R. Gaiotti noted that AOT was not installing gates on the Route 7 rail crossing as previously thought. Additional signage was going up in advance of the 40 mph zone leading to the village. T. Smith requested getting speed studies done for the area by the rail crossing and the area just north of the village. R. Gaiotti will coordinate with BCRC for the studies.

Read Farm Lane:

Town is researching options for instream work using EWP grant funding; it's a complex issue but worth doing. Town is also putting together a FEMA grant application for the floodproofing (raising) of the restaurant building. Grant could possibly pay for 75% of the work.

Finance Report

The finance report was presented by R. Gaiotti. He noted that at 32% through the FY22 year, the general fund was 32% expended. H. Chandler moved and J. Salsgiver seconded to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Manager's Report

Topics discussed:

- Highway Dept. tasks
- DFD Water Project updates
- Town Forest trail work
- Professional development
- ARPA updates

Other Business:

J. Salsgiver noted that Northshire Rescue would be in touch soon with the update for the inter-local agreement between the Towns and NRS.

T. Smith noted the news in the paper about the Field House Project in Manchester and asked if the board would review it. H. Chandler noted that

Dorset had not been approached yet and it was our understanding that the proponents would be attending Selectboard meetings in all 11 towns from which they hope to get funding.

Payroll & Accounts Payable for 10/19

It was the consensus of the Board to sign the payroll & accounts payable for 9/21.

Jim Salsgiver moved and H. Chandler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager