

Town of Dorset, Vermont



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Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board March 15, 2022

Present: Tom Smith, Henry Chandler, Jim Salsgiver, Megan Thorn,

Also, present: Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

Megan Thorn, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

Jim Salsgiver moved and Henry Chandler seconded to approve the February 15th minutes as amended, motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment

None

Organizational Meeting:

Jim Salsgiver moved and Henry Chandler seconded to appoint Megan Thorn as Board Chair for 2022. Motion passed 3-0 (M. Thorn abstained).

Jim Salsgiver moved and Tom Smith seconded to appoint Henry Chandler as Board Vice Chair for 2022. Motion passed 3-0 (H. Chandler abstained).

Liquor Licenses:The Board recessed the regular meeting and convened as the Liquor Control Board. Jim Salsgiver moved and Henry Chandler seconded to approve the Liquor Licenses as presented: Inn at West View Farm, Dorset Theatre Festival, Dorset Inn, Barrows House, HN Williams, Chantecleer, Dorset Bakery, Dorset Field Club, Has Gas, Jiffy Mart, Dorset Union Store, motion passed 4-0.

Northshire Rescue Squad: Discussion ensued about NRS services in Dorset and status of NRS. Dorset will wait to hear back for the multi town agreement with NRS as they discuss and review options with the Town of Manchester

2022 Board Goals:

The Board goal discussion was tabled to the April meeting. Board members should get a list of goals and info to R. Gaiotti to include in the April meeting packet.

Old Business:

Broadband:

The CUD did not receive the \$9 million grant it applied for, none of those grant funds made their way to Vermont. Discussion ensued about best options moving forward and the possible use of ARPA funding. It was noted that the State was touting spending \$250 million on broadband.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

Rob Gaiotti noted that the ARPA survey is still open and that Infrastructure is the leading category for funds to be spent at 38% support of the 5 items listed.

Read Farm Lane: FEMA grant for buyout received, but it's unlikely the Chantecleer will take the buyout. Instead an a new grant application will be put together to lift the building. Brookside Drive grant application is expected to be denied by FEMA due to costs.

Other Discussion items included: Town Office Update/ East Dorset Traffic

Finance Report

The finance report was presented by R. Gaiotti. He noted that at 71% through the FY22 year, the general fund was 70% expended. H. Chandler moved and J. Salsgiver seconded to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Manager's Report

Topics discussed:

- Town Meeting Reactions
- Highway Dept. tasks
- DFD Water Project updates
- Grant applications/requisition
- Professional development
- ARPA updates
- Housing Discussion relative to Raptor Lane. H. Chandler, Liz Ruffa, and R. Gaiotti met with Bill Reed and Ryan Porter to gather information about housing development efforts they have worked on. Will continue to report info as it comes in.

Payroll & Accounts Payable for 3/15/22

It was the consensus of the Board to sign the payroll & accounts payable for 3/15.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting stood adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager