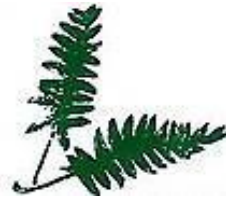


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Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board August 17, 2021

Present: Tom Smith, Henry Chandler, Liz Ruffa, Jim Salsgiver
Also, present: Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager), Tharan Myla, Ron Harrington II, Scott Ammerman

Jim Salsgiver, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Household Hazardous Waste Agreement:

R. Gaiotti gave a presentation about the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance working to have a permanent HHW facility in Bennington. This would save money by limiting the number of HHW events that happen and giving access to a facility where HHW materials could be brought each week. The BCSWA received a large grant to help defray the costs. Liz Ruffa moved and Tom Smith seconded to approve the HHW Agreement as presented, motion passed 3-0.

Solid Waste Agreement:

R. Gaiotti presented the new contract between the SWIP towns and Casella Waste for access to the transfer stations. Discussion ensued about permit stickers, recycling costs etc. Liz Ruffa moved and Tom Smith seconded to approve the 3-year Solid Waste Agreement with Casella, motion passed 3-0.

Freedley Quarry/ Legal Trail 6 Discussion:

R. Gaiotti gave an update about the issues surrounding vehicles on legal trail 6 to Freedley Quarry (off Dorset Hill Rd). Ron Harrington and Scott Ammerman were in attendance on behalf of Tread Lightly and the New England 4x4 Association. R. Gaiotti outlined possible options for future management of vehicle access over legal trail 6. Traditionally the Town hasn't managed any of the activity. Discussion ensued about partnering with outside 4x4 groups to limit and manage the vehicle access on legal trail 6. Tread Lightly can offer signage, volunteers for clean up, and strategies to limit and manage the

activity. It was noted that this would not cost the Town anything. It was the consensus of the Board to have R. Gaiotti research and outline what this option would look like with these partners. The board thanked those in attendance for their insights and possible future support.

Approve Minutes of July 20th:

Jim Salsgiver moved and Liz Ruffa seconded to approve the July 20th minutes as amended, motion passed 3-0 (Tom Smith abstained)

New Town Office Discussion:

R. Gaiotti presented an update of the timeline for the Town Office project/process. He presented information related to the surveys available on the Town Office. With regard to the Raptor Lane New Town Office 67% of the 150 respondents supported the plan, while 14% didn't support it and 19% weren't sure yet. Discussion ensued about changes to the design from survey input. There is a site visit on 8/18 at 7pm, Info Meeting 8/23 at 7pm and Voting 8/24 7am-7pm at Town Office.

Old Business:

Route 30 Speed Limit – North of Dorset Village

R. Gaiotti noted that the Traffic Committee will meet on 8/23 at 1pm. The AOT staff were not recommending the speed limit be lowered, which is disappointing, but the Town will appeal to the Committee and continue pursuit of the effort.

Read Farm Lane:

Culvert work is done. Northstar Hydro is compiling data for possible in stream work to remove debris and sediment. There is possible federal funding associated with this most recent FEMA event of 7/29.

Broadband/ Internet Discussion:

Jim Salsgiver gave a brief update about the Communications Union District status and plans for broadband.

Pine Road Update

The Town continues to work with neighbors on Pine Rd toward a possible road re-alignment that will benefit the Town and property owners.

Finance Report

The finance report was presented by R. Gaiotti. He noted that the expense for FY21 can in under and the revenue exceeded expectations (Clerk fees were double etc.). He noted a small surplus for FY21, draft audit reports were included. Liz Ruffa moved and Jim Salsgiver seconded to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Manager's Report

Topics discussed:

- Highway Dept. tasks
- Continued support for DFD Bond Project
- DFD received \$500,000 grant for water project
- Town received \$44,000 grant for bike path scoping from Dorset to Manchester.
- Read Farm Lane follow up.
- Town Forest trail work
- ARPA money from Federal Treasury

Payroll & Accounts Payable for 8/17

It was the consensus of the Board to sign the payroll & accounts payable for 8/17.

Jim Salsgiver moved and L. Ruffa seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager