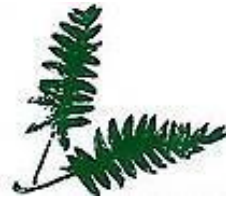


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Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board September 21, 2021

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

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

Public Comment

None

Meeting Minutes:

Henry Chandler moved and Liz Ruffa seconded to approve the August 17th 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 will attend the VLCT trainings at Town Fair and solicit other sources to create a list of possible uses.

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. Discussion ensued about other projects and management styles, including expected results. It was the consensus of the Board to partner with Tread Lightly! And allow R. Gaiotti and R. Batz to coordinate the details of the partnership.

LEMP Re-adoption:

H. Chandler moved and J. Salsgiver seconded to re-adopt the Local Emergency Management Plan for 2021, motion passed 4-0.

Old Business:

Route 30 Speed Limit – North of Dorset Village

AOT has agreed to lower the speed limit down to 40mph north of the Village on Route 30 in Dorset. This will be a positive for neighbors and for vehicle speeds coming into the Village.

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.

Upper Hollow Road Gift:

R. Gaiotti confirmed that Jim & Susan Lane had generously donated a 10 acre parcel off Upper Hollow Road to the Town. Discussion ensued about possible uses or divestment to help support Town projects.

Finance Report

The finance report was presented by R. Gaiotti. He noted that at 17% through the FY22 year, the general fund was 25% expended. Discussion ensued about non-profit requests for funding etc. 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 money from Federal Treasury

Payroll & Accounts Payable for 9/21

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

Jim Salsgiver moved and L. Ruffa seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager