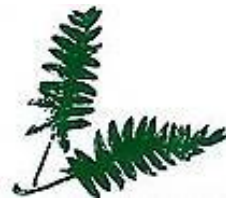


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Dorset Selectboard Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022

7pm Dorset Town Offices

Members Present: Megan Thorn, Henry Chandler, Jim Salsgiver, Liz Ruffa

Others Present: Rob Gaiotti, Darren Hadlock

Megan Thorn called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

October Meeting Minutes:

Jim Salsgiver moved and Henry Chandler seconded to approve the October meeting minutes as written. Motion passed 3-0.

CEDS Letter of Support:

Henry Chandler moved and Jim Salsgiver seconded to approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Letter of support for Dorset. Motion passed 3-0.

Coolidge Lane Update:

Rob Gaiotti presented an update on Coolidge Lane. The Hadlock family has requested the Town discontinue the legal trail portion of the road so that the neighbors can work on the road and have agreements for the costs. The Town recently send a brief survey to all property owners on the road and most supported the Town keeping things as is. Some cited concerns of litigation. Discussion ensued about all the legal trail or class 4 roads in Dorset. There are over 8 miles of road with this classification. The Town typically does no maintenance on these roads, unless there is a life safety issue or condition that impacts the class 3 portion of the road. Discussion ensued about creating a class 4 road policy and getting input from Attorney Barlow to better understand the options for the Town and to make sure that each situation is handled the same. Rob Gaiotti will seek out input from Attorney Barlow and keep the Coolidge Lane residents up to date with future discussions.

FY24 Budget Draft:

Rob Gaiotti presented the FY24 budget draft to the Board. It is still early in the process as the Town will get additional information this fall about needs for next year. Generally the FY24

budget highlights: paving Dorset Village after water work; staff wage increases at 5%; cutting back on funding for trail building; working with Emerald Lake on ADA amenity upgrades etc. The target budget increase and tax increase will be in the 2-4% range.

Old Business:

Rob Gaiotti presented updates on Old business items that included: traffic calming in the Villages, the FEMA Chantecleer projects, broadband etc. The RFP for the instream work in the Battenkill is out and there is a site visit on 12/1.

Managers & Finance Report:

Rob Gaiotti gave the monthly update of activities for the month. Items included: Highway work, Fire District project status, continuing education, status of housing needs assessment study. The town is roughly 40% through the fiscal year FY23 and is in good standing from an expense standpoint. Henry Chandler moved and Jim Salsgiver seconded to approve the Finance Report. Motion passed 3-0.

Townline Agreement:

Jim Salsgiver moved and Henry Chandler seconded to approve the Townline Temporary Agreement with the Town of Manchester. Motion passed 3-0.

Board Appointments:

Jim Salsgiver moved and Henry Chandler seconded to enter into executive session to discuss board appointments at 8:58pm. The Board exited executive session at 9:09pm.

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Henry Chandler moved and Jim Salsgiver seconded to appoint Chad Smith and Bruce Ketcham to the ZBA to fill the seats vacated by John LaVecchia and Bill Bridges. Motion passed 3-0.

Selectboard:

Jim Salsgiver moved and Henry Chandler seconded to appoint Frank Parent to the Selectboard to fill the seat with term ending March 2023. Motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting stood adjourned at 9:12pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager