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Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board
September 19, 2017

Present: Henry Chandler (Chairman), Megan Thorn, Jack Stannard, Tom Smith, Liz Ruffa, R. Gaiotti (Town Manager)
Absent:
Also, present: E. Isabel Hein, Jean Kingston, Lindy Bowden, Don Hein, D. Green, Linda Joy Sullivan, Danny Pinsonault, Rosalie Fox, Robert Menson, Joan Menson, Tyler Yandow (Zoning Administrator)

H. Chandler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approve Minutes of August 17, 2017
M. Thorn moved and L. Ruffa seconded to approve the August 17, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment
J. Kingston felt that the August 17th minutes did not reflect what she had said and asked to have her document included again in the current minutes for clarity.

D. Hein read his letter concerning traffic on Upper Hollow Road to the SB members (copy attached). H. Chandler responded that the Board is concerned about excessive speed on any road and now have a dedicated Police Officer in Dorset who can be made more aware of the problem. Also, the Zoning Administrator has had a meeting with the Barrows House concerning this issue. H. Chandler suggested that D. Hein mail his letter to the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission. Discussion ensued on whether to solicit legal advice on the problem.

Noise Ordinance Discussion (Continued)
M. Thorn stated that on page 3 under Article IV – Exemptions, #10 the word **Church** should be added so that it reads: *Bells: The playing or ringing of* ***Church*** *bells or chimes.*

T. Smith pointed out that it had been agreed to change "Issuing Municipal Official" to ***"Law Enforcement Official"*** under Article VI – Procedure, Enforcement & Penalties. It was the consensus of the SB members to change the language in Article VI to "Law Enforcement Official wherever Issuing Municipal Official is used.

T. Smith noted that he has received input suggesting that the Board change the noise ordinance to include changing the time to 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for a Sunday before a federal holiday on Monday. It was the consensus of the SB members not to change the hours as suggested.

J. Stannard suggested making the hours to end an event earlier (from 11:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.). M. Thorn, L. Ruffa and T. Smith did not agree on changing the ordinance to include earlier hours.

T. Smith recommended changing Article VIII – Effective Date to change *adoption by Select Board* to having a Town vote. J. Stannard, L. Ruffa and M. Thorn did not agree to have a Town vote and wanted it to remain as a Select Board vote.

R. Fox commented that she took issue with the language in T. Smith's email and H. Chandler said that the SB has been working hard to come up with a balanced noise ordinance. T. Smith stated that he stood by his comments.

T. Smith moved and M. Thorn seconded to approve the changes/amendments to the September 1, 2017 Dorset Noise Ordinance draft as outlined during the meeting and to hold a Public Hearing on October 17, 2017. Motion carried 4-0.

Other Ordinances Update]

R. Gaiotti noted that all ordinances were sent to the Town Attorney for evaluation and updating in light of the issues that happened with soliciting on the Village Green. R. Gaiotti commented that many of the ordinances were outdated and no longer relevant. H. Chandler recommended that the Board review the ordinances and T. Smith suggested discussing the ordinances one at a time. The Board will review the highway ordinance first and M. Thorn will contact J. Barlow about the sign ordinance. J. Stannard felt that J. Barlow should submit a detailed letter for all consultations to do with Town business.

Route 7 & Mad Tom Update

An Office of Highway Safety Audit Review has been received which reviews previous data and safety implementations, local concerns, and potential safety enhancements. Discussion ensued on visibility, vegetation, crosswalks, speed sign for south bound lane, and sidewalks. T. Smith asked if there was anything that can be done immediately and R. Gaiotti responded no, as the State has jurisdiction over Route 7. M. Thorn suggested that the PC discuss adding the

East Dorset crosswalk discussion to the Dorset Village crosswalk proposal with regard to grants. R. Gaiotti responded that it might be two different grants, but there is a timeline that needs to be followed which takes time. T. Smith stated that he would like to pursue solutions for the Route 7 safety issues even if they have to be self-funded before there is another fatality.

Municipal Planning Grant Resolution

J. Stannard moved and M. Thorn seconded to sign the Municipal Planning Grant Resolution in support of the Planning Commission. Motion carried 4-0.

VLCT Annual Business Meeting Rep

T. Smith moved and M. Thorn seconded to appoint Sandra Pinsonault, Town Clerk, as the VLCT Annual Business Meeting Representative. Motion carried 4-0.

Finance Report

R. Gaiotti reported on:

- Delinquent tax ($194,717)
- Expenses, tax collection, cash flow and AOT grant payment

T. Smith moved and M. Thorn seconded to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Manager's Report

The report included information on:

- Working on trail signs, garage building work & the Tower Road bridge
- Dorset Fire District
- Meeting with VYCC crew & staff
- AOT hazardous intersection follow-up
- Planning for upcoming Barrows House event
- Reappraisal (in-house)

R. Gaiotti is to follow up on the Dorset Historical District signs for Route 30 and West Road. Discussion ensued regarding an in-house reappraisal and T. Farrell and M. Schoffstall are to prepare a proposal for the SB members' review for the next meeting.

Approve Payroll & Accounts Payable for Week of 09/19/2017

It was the consensus of the Select Board members to approve the payroll and accounts payable for the week of 09/19/2017 as presented.

Other Business

- T. Smith moved and M. Thorn seconded to move to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss legal issues. Motion carried 4-0. Executive Session ended at 9:00 p.m. with no action taken.
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J. Stannard moved and M. Thorn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano