

Dorset Fire District No. 1
May 4, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ben Weiss, Lee Fox, Roger Squire, Cindy Loudenslager, Jon Ams

Others Present: Jacob Gribble, Rob Gaiotti, Greg Kepler

Fire Chief's Report:

- FA DHR
- SF Manchester
- MVA ED
- SF Manchester
- Chimney Fire DWR
- FA Nims Rd
- Gas Leak LTS

Tanker not picked up year, Jacob Gribble and Tyler King will go retrieve the truck this week. Jacob Gribble requested a stipend for both members for the lost day of work. It was the consensus of the board to allocate the stipend. Floor in the Firehouse has been fixed. Members will attend annual meeting next week. Concrete work at the back of the building is complete. Discussion ensued about bidding out property maintenance at some point.

Roger Squire moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report, motion passed 4-0.

Engineer's Report:

Greg Kepler was present to give an overview of engineer's items for the month.

Contract #3

- Cassella started week of 4/20. Their focus has been installing long side service sleeves under RT30.
- The OCE Resident Engineer for this project is Brett Barrett.
- Schedule submitted to OCE indicates completion of services by ~8/21 and restoration work after 8/21.
- Rob had provided input from Herrmann on pricing for eleven services from Curb stop to House on RT30 at last Prudential board meeting.

Spring Yield Study

- OCE submitted revised Spring yield study to State on April 22, 2026, in response to State review comments.
- 68 GPM is the recommended safe yield by OCE and what the State will approve.
- Timeline for final State approval of study and Lifting Moratorium -TBD

Well #3

- Source Permit has been issued by the State.
- Condition of Permit is Source Protection Plan (SPP) was due March 31, 2026
- OCE issued initial draft to DFD on April 22, 2026, and a revised final draft of SPP on May 1st in response to the review comments provided by Lee and myself

Priority List Application Process (no news-this is same as April report)

- The FFY 2026 Priority List funding cycle is underway.
- Project Priority List applications were prepared by Rob and submitted.
- Expect draft Intended Use Plan/Priority list and public comment period this spring.

Watermain replacement Design/Construction permit (no news-this is same as April report)

- State issued Construction permit for watermain replacement design completed by OCE.
- Permit expires on May 31, 2026, and State has requested a status update on work completed.
- Permit can be renewed.
- No input from OCE yet

Lee Fox moved and Jon Ams seconded to approve the Engineer's report, motion passed 4-0.

DFD MANAGER/ OPERATIONS REPORT 5-4-26:

- Well 3 – source permit approved.
- Lease agreement with Page (222 Cheney) will need to be extended, still need to let the well process play out prior to extending.

- OCE submitted spring yield study and the State is expected to approve the 68 gpm. DFD can follow up soon about the moratorium getting lifted in a few months according to State.
- Working on a larger presentation for the Herrmann quoted Route 30 service line work as well as the remaining services not completed. Awaiting input from Vermont Bond Bank on loan terms and rates.
- Still awaiting the ACCD reimbursement of \$650,000 and SRF small purchase for meters of \$125,000.
- Down to the last few meters to be installed – 57 Dorset Hollow, 2918 Dorset West, 2846 Route 30.
- Casella is working quickly and efficiently and is targeting early/mid June to complete their work scope according to SOS.
- Annual Report attached for 5/11 meeting.

OPERATIONS:

- Main line on lower part of the reservoir road has possible leak
- Blow off valve off.
- Awaiting final pricing and schedule from vendors to running power to metering station, should happen within the month (I think).
- Calls for service: 4
- Operations has been working with Casella to trace and mark lines as they roll out the project.

Finance Report:

Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:

Water District:

Cash on hand:

Money Market balance: \$24,552

Checking balance: \$715,210

Loan to Fire: -\$64,166

Cash position: \$739,762

- Quarter 3 bill paid;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: \$1,000,000 – this is to prepare for Casella
- Operations expense

Water fees due (more than 30 days): 3 accounts with around \$452 in delinquencies.

Fire District:

- Expenses paid: equipment, fire house maintenance
- Town to make fire tax payment week of 3/9

Cash on hand:

Education Retention Fund: \$2,422

General Checking: \$94,364 (Jones Donation money: \$100,000)

Truck Escrow: \$2,979 (restricted)

Cash Position: \$99,765

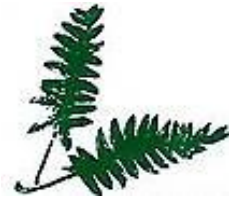
Loan From Water: \$64,166

Lee Fox moved and Cindy Loudenslager seconded to approve the Finance Report, motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business the meeting stood adjourned at 8:18pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Gaiotti - Town Manager

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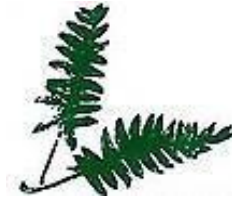
DFD MANAGER/ OPERATIONS REPORT 6-8-26:

- Lease agreement with Page (222 Cheney) will need to be extended, still need to let the well process play out prior to extending.
- Awaiting Yield Study approval from the State. After that the plan is to make the formal request to lift the moratorium. Hope this can happen in the next month. Potential customers we can then send letters to:
 - Holman – Playhouse Lane, vacant lot, request for 3-4 bedroom allocation (420-560gpd)
 - Dougherty – Dorset West Road, vacant lot, request for 3-4 bedroom allocation (420-560gpd)
 - Raspe – 75 Cheney Road, 2-bedroom cottage wants to add it to system (280gpd)
 - Hart – 41 Church Street, adjust allocation from business to 3-4 bedroom allocation (300-500gpd)
- Kepler is helping with quantities for the pricing sheet for the 23 services with Herrmann. The collective pricing for this could exceed \$400,000. We have been talking to Herrmann on the benefits of doing the work “as available” vs. taking up a big chunk of schedule requiring the work to take him away from other work. More to follow. Could be most beneficial to just adapt the DWR model to the other 23 services (which could extend the time the work takes).
- Still awaiting the ACCD reimbursement of \$650,000 and SRF small purchase for meters of \$125,000.
- Down to the last two meters to be installed – 57 Dorset Hollow, ~~2918 Dorset West~~, 2846 Route 30.
- Casella work is going along smoothly, they are replacing 1 service each day for the most part
- System meter data is going well under 80,000 most days.
- Power work for metering station is pending, electrician and excavator have said this will happen soon.

OPERATIONS:

- Finished up 2918 DWR on 6/5 – will have pricing compiled soon.
- Next we plan to run the new service to 2773 DWR and 3172 DWR. Both of these services will require directional drilling.
- Calls for service last month: 5

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT # 1 FINANCE REPORT JUNE 8, 2026:

Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:

Water District:

Cash on hand:

Money Market balance: \$24,608

Checking balance: \$673,808

Loan to Fire: -\$64,166

Cash position: \$739,762

- Quarter 4 bills being paid;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: \$1,000,000 – this is to prepare for Casella
- Operations expense
- Casella first application for payment to be received on 6/8 and approved at 6/8 board meeting.

Water fees due (more than 30 days): 8 accounts with a balance of \$2,273

Fire District:

- Expenses paid: equipment, fire house maintenance
- Town won't be able to advance fire protection payment until we get tax bills out in July/August

Cash on hand:

Education Retention Fund: \$2,427

General Checking: \$65,584 (Jones Donation money:
\$100,000)

Truck Escrow: \$2,979 (restricted)

Cash Position: \$99,765

Loan From Water: \$64,166

Account/Description	Budget	Balance
01-1000-00.01 BB - Educ/Rent Fund	0.00	2,427.33
01-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	65,584.05
01-1000-00.03 Truck Escrow - Berkshire	0.00	2,985.72
01-1100-00.00 Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
01-1110-00.00 Opening Bal Equity	0.00	0.00
01-1120-00.00 Retained Earnings	0.00	0.00
01-1400-00.00 Truck Deposit	0.00	0.00
01-1500-00.01 Capital Assets	0.00	2,658,971.99
01-1500-00.02 Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	-1,085,281.10
01-1900-00.00 Inventory Asset	0.00	0.00
01-1900-00.01 Equipment	0.00	0.00
01-1900-00.02 Due From Water District	0.00	-64,191.30
01-1900-00.03 Investment Change	0.00	0.00
01-1900-00.04 Interfund Note Receivable	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.00 Due to Other Funds	0.00	-2,369.61
Total Asset	0.00	1,578,127.08
01-2000-00.00 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.01 New Truck Payment Payable	0.00	487,863.01
01-2000-00.02 Payroll Liabilities	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.03 Payroll taxes payable	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.04 Long Term Debt	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.01 Due to Truck Escrow Accou	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.02 Due to Water District	0.00	0.00
01-2300-00.03 Purchase Orders	0.00	0.00
Total Liability	0.00	487,863.01
01-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	0.00	1,080,084.26
Total Fund Balance	0.00	1,080,084.26
01-3000-00.01 Reserve for Truck Sinking	0.00	2,921.69
01-3000-00.02 Res for Tax Sale	0.00	0.00
Total Reserves	0.00	2,921.69

Account/Description	Estimated Revenue	Received To Date	Uncollected Balance	MTD Revenue
01-6000-30.00 Interest Income	0.00	144.66	-144.66	0.00
01-6000-40.00 Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-45.00 Insurance Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-50.00 Dispatch Reimbursement	0.00	2,750.00	-2,750.00	0.00
01-6000-60.00 Town Tax Appropriation	209,250.00	208,926.00	324.00	0.00
01-6000-70.00 Truck Escrow Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6700-00.00 FEMA - Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6800-00.00 Donations	0.00	44,352.00	-44,352.00	0.00
01-6900-00.05 Sale of Equipment/Bldg	0.00	77,493.00	-77,493.00	0.00
Total Revenues	209,250.00	333,665.66	-124,415.66	0.00

Account/Description	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	MTD Expenditures
01-7100-10.00 Advertisements	100.00	297.00	-197.00	171.00
01-7100-20.00 Fire Prevention	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
01-7100-30.00 Insurance	19,500.00	32,372.99	-12,872.99	0.00
01-7100-40.00 Ofc/Fireman Supplies	1,000.00	1,109.90	-109.90	0.00
01-7100-45.00 Postage & Printing	250.00	1,014.00	-764.00	0.00
01-7100-50.00 Professional Fees	3,500.00	5,670.00	-2,170.00	0.00
01-7100-51.00 Clerk/Mgr Fees	10,000.00	13,883.25	-3,883.25	0.00
01-7100-52.00 Dam Fee Prentiss Pond	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.00
01-7100-53.00 Dispatch Fees	0.00	5,650.00	-5,650.00	0.00
01-7200-10.00 Gas/Diesel Fuel Apparatus	5,950.00	8,695.60	-2,745.60	251.62
01-7200-12.00 Fed Tax on Fuel	0.00	432.82	-432.82	0.00
01-7200-15.00 Maintenance-Equipment	25,000.00	38,959.17	-13,959.17	2,343.03
01-7200-20.00 New Equipment	23,000.00	63,919.98	-40,919.98	0.00
01-7200-32.00 New Truck Payment	50,353.00	50,725.92	-372.92	0.00
01-7200-32.01 Truck Payment Interest	0.00	23,127.45	-23,127.45	0.00
01-7200-33.00 Truck Sinking Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7300-00.00 Contigency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7500-00.00 Firehouse Maintenance	20,000.00	22,500.07	-2,500.07	388.14
01-7500-21.00 Supplies - Firehouse	497.00	702.75	-205.75	0.00
01-7500-30.00 Utilities	11,500.00	16,124.33	-4,624.33	376.88
01-7600-20.00 FM Training/Dues/Mileage	3,500.00	996.18	2,503.82	324.11
01-7600-30.00 Firemen Education & Reten	30,000.00	27,614.81	2,385.19	0.00
01-7600-40.00 Firemen Dinner/Meals	1,000.00	2,476.25	-1,476.25	415.86
01-7800-00.00 Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.00 Transfer - Out	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.04 Misc Expense	0.00	935.33	-935.33	0.00
01-7900-00.05 Bad Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.09 Payroll-Taxes	3,500.00	7,508.01	-4,008.01	0.00
01-7900-00.10 Payroll-Processing	0.00	1,341.73	-1,341.73	0.00
Total Expenditures	209,250.00	326,407.54	-117,157.54	4,270.64
Total Fire Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Debits: 3,265,626.63 Total Credits: 3,265,626.63

Account/Description	Budget	Balance
02-1000-00.00 Berkshire - Money Market	0.00	24,608.38
02-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	673,808.48
02-1100-00.00 Accounts Receivable	0.00	21,311.56
02-1100-00.01 Water Repair Receivable	0.00	0.00
02-1100-00.02 Grant Receivable	0.00	0.00
02-1100-10.00 Due To Customers	0.00	-7,827.12
02-1100-20.00 Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00
02-1100-30.00 Investment Changes	0.00	0.00
02-1500-00.01 Capital Assets	0.00	4,239,254.13
02-1500-00.02 Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	-49,723.67
02-1900-00.02 Inter-Fund	0.00	64,191.30
02-2300-00.00 Due from Fire District	0.00	2,369.61
02-6000-41.00 Maintenance-Service Pymts	0.00	0.00
02-6000-42.00 Water Study Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00
Total Asset	0.00	4,967,992.67
02-1900-00.04 Interfund Note Payable	0.00	0.00
02-2000-00.00 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
02-2000-00.01 Water Planning Loan	0.00	3,299,857.28
02-2000-00.02 Line of Credit	0.00	250,000.00
Total Liability	0.00	3,549,857.28
02-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	0.00	846,337.96
Total Fund Balance	0.00	846,337.96
02-3000-00.01 Reserve for Water Sinking	0.00	17,133.40
Total Reserves	0.00	17,133.40

Account/Description	Estimated Revenue	Received To Date	Uncollected Balance	MTD Revenue
02-6000-30.00 Interest Income	500.00	1,731.58	-1,231.58	0.00
02-6000-30.10 User Fees - Delinquent	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
02-6000-30.20 User Fees - Current	163,000.00	154,687.35	8,312.65	0.00
02-6000-35.00 Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-40.00 Maintenance Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-50.00 Taken from Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-60.00 LineCredit/Grant Revenue	0.00	750,000.00	-750,000.00	0.00
02-6000-65.00 Asset Mgmt Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-70.00 Planning Loan Revenue	0.00	159,782.50	-159,782.50	0.00
02-6000-71.00 Sinking Fund Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-72.00 Engineer Revenue FireDept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-6000-80.00 Transfer - In	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	164,000.00	1,066,201.43	-902,201.43	0.00

Account/Description	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	MTD Expenditures
02-7000-01.00 Bank Service Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-02.00 Chemicals	500.00	1,248.40	-748.40	0.00
02-7000-03.00 Clerical Supplies	300.00	91.97	208.03	0.00
02-7000-04.00 Clerk/Mgr Fees	5,000.00	4,627.75	372.25	0.00
02-7000-05.00 Contingency	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
02-7000-07.00 Dues & Publications	300.00	325.00	-25.00	0.00
02-7000-08.00 Fuel	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00
02-7000-09.00 Insurance	4,800.00	2,386.00	2,414.00	0.00
02-7000-11.01 Maintenance - Main Line	16,500.00	26,593.01	-10,093.01	0.00
02-7000-11.02 Maintenance - Reservoir	3,500.00	6,752.90	-3,252.90	0.00
02-7000-11.03 Maintenance - Road	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
02-7000-11.04 Maintenance-Service Line	0.00	94,018.84	-94,018.84	10,005.42
02-7000-12.00 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-13.00 Misc. Expenses	500.00	5.72	494.28	0.00
02-7000-14.00 Plan Loan/Bond Expenses	0.00	161,118.02	-161,118.02	18,535.45
02-7000-15.00 Plan Loan Payments	0.00	126,888.94	-126,888.94	0.00
02-7000-16.00 Operating Permit	1,950.00	1,083.55	866.45	0.00
02-7000-18.00 Postage	800.00	976.90	-176.90	0.00
02-7000-19.00 Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-20.00 Professtional Fees	12,000.00	19,553.40	-7,553.40	2,160.00
02-7000-21.00 Repay Loans/Debt Retireme	38,500.00	0.00	38,500.00	0.00
02-7000-22.00 Sinking Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02-7000-23.00 System Operator	59,000.00	61,102.00	-2,102.00	0.00
02-7000-24.00 Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-25.00 Testing	1,800.00	1,765.00	35.00	0.00
02-7000-26.00 Consumer Confid Reports	350.00	0.00	350.00	0.00
02-7000-29.00 Other Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00
02-7800-00.00 Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7900-00.09 Payroll-Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7900-00.10 Payroll Processing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	164,000.00	511,537.40	-347,537.40	30,700.87
Total Water Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Debits: 5,701,080.86 Total Credits: 5,701,080.86

Total All Funds 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

Grand Total Debits: 8,966,707.49 Grand Total Credits: 8,966,707.49

Dorset Fire District #1 Utility Billing
Aged Receivables Report
All accounts by Account Number

Account	Name	Service	Current	Over 30	Over 60	Over 90	Over 120	Total	Credits
000078	SMITH QPRT VT TRUST, C/ Location: 40 CHENEY RD		201.14	201.14	2.93	2.93	198.21	606.35	0.00
000235	BARTLETT, BRIAN & MELIS Location: 2953 ROUTE 30		214.88	214.88	0.00	0.00	3.18	432.94	0.00
000378	DOHERTY, TIMOTHY J Location: 2773 DORSET WEST RD		198.21	198.21	0.00	2.56	0.00	398.98	0.00
000422	BIC PROPERTIES LTD, MIC Location: 87 MEADOW		215.28	215.28	0.00	15.45	0.00	446.01	0.00
000424	BICKFORD, MICHAEL L Location: 3219 ROUTE 30		349.35	349.35	0.00	23.87	0.00	722.57	0.00
000676	WHITE, ROBERTA Location: 3119 DORSET WEST RD		218.10	218.10	3.22	3.22	218.21	660.85	0.00
000788	BLAIR, SARAH Location: 140 DORSET HOLLOW RD		198.21	198.21	0.00	0.00	2.93	399.35	0.00
001267	SPAHR, JAMES Location: 62 KENT HILL RD		198.25	198.25	0.04	0.04	2.96	399.54	0.00
SERVICES:	# of Accounts								
	8		1793.42	1793.42	6.19	48.07	425.49	4066.59	0.00
Total All Services:			1793.42	1793.42	6.19	48.07	425.49	4066.59	0.00