

Dorset Fire District No 1 Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Jon Ams

Others Present: Jacob Gribble, Rob Gaiotti, Greg Kepler, Robert Clark

Fire Chief's report:

17 calls for the month:

FA Rt 30
Elevator Playhouse
MVA Kirby Hollow
CPR Havoc Hill
FA LTS
MVA Mutual aid Manchester
EMS ED
FA LHR
Smoke Rt 7
366 Barrows Heights Tree in driveway
Route 7 false alarm MVA
FA West Branch
FA Cheney
FA Kent Hill
FA HN Williams
Mutual Aid in Manchester
FA HN Williams
CO Alarm Route 30

Barrows Heights call discussion about the driveway condition and future access issues. DFD will send a letter to the owner of 366 Barrows Heights about driveway maintenance. DFD members got first responder training from Rupert/ Granville partners. Discussion ensued about recent Fire Warden updates in Vermont law.

Roger Squire moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report, motion passed 3-0.

OCE/Engineer's Report:

Robert Clark was present to give an update related to the project on Route 30. Casella is done with waterline work and has restoration and paving to complete. It's expected that they will be complete by September. The project should come in around \$200,000 under budget as estimated at this point. Alison Murphy from DEC/WID was present at the construction meeting today. Alison is helping to get the financing and contract approvals in line. Discussion ensued about tracking all the services: 100% completed, partially complete, no work in a sheet. 104 full service replacements, 66 no work, 11 main to curb. The Route 30 project completed 50 services. OCE will be able to provide a list of services to give the Board the ability to plan moving forward.

DFD MANAGER/ OPERATIONS REPORT 8-10-26:

- 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.
- Service line replacements completed for: 2773, 2918, and 3172 Dorset West. Still awaiting invoices from Herrmann to tabulate costs.
- Kepler has provided help with quantity calculations that we can work with Herrmann on for the 23 final services. Still working on this. The costs of the West Road efforts will help us inform this process and strategize.
- 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, 2846 Route 30.
- Casella work has increased in speed with 2 crews. They have reached substantial completion and expect to reach final completion by the September 14th close out meeting date.
- System meter data has looked favorable after the large leak repair on Route 30
- Power work for metering station starts soon. The new equipment has been installed and will be ready to be hooked up.
- OCE will help us with project finance closeout, updating the GIS system info, and record drawings after the Casella work is completed.

OPERATIONS:

- Calls for service last month: 6
- Boil Notices last month: 2 (both related to project work)
- Chris & Anthony continue to do a great job for DFD, very

Finance Report 8-10-26

Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:

Water District:

Cash on hand:

Sinking Fund balance: \$29,717

Checking balance: \$252,080

Loan to Fire: -\$64,166

Cash position: \$281,797

- Quarter 4 bills were due last month;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: \$1,000,000 – this is to prepare for Casella
- Operations expense
- Casella Invoice 4 included for approval at 8/10 meeting

Water fees due (more than 30 days): 17 accounts with a balance of \$4,192.73

Fire District:

- Expenses paid: firehouse maintenance, equipment
- Board to approve August Fire Chief's stipend of \$1,000 at 8/10 meeting
- Town collecting taxes now and will make fire protection payment soon.

Cash on hand:

Education Retention Fund: \$2,437

General Checking: \$15,117 (Jones Donation money: \$90,000)

Truck Escrow: \$2,998 (restricted)

Cash Position: \$21,178

Loan From Water: \$64,166

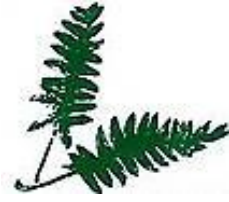
Roger Squire moved and Cindy Loudenslager seconded to approve the Water Operations report and financials, motion passed 3-0.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager

Dorset Fire District # 1



Chartered 1911

Mailing Address:

PO Box 341
Dorset, VT 05251

Physical Address:

Dorset Town Offices
112 Mad Tom Road
East Dorset, VT 05253

Fire District Bookkeeper

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DFD MANAGER/ OPERATIONS REPORT 9-15-26:

- 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.
- Dorset West Road Service line cost sheet attached. We expect another \$3,000-\$5,000 in paving.
- Given the single service line approach, it's likely much more cost efficient to packet 2-3 services together.
- 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, 2846 Route 30.
- Casella doing final clean up last week.
- System meter data has looked favorable after the large leak repair on Route 30.
- Meter station is awaiting Mission software set up, everything else is ready to roll.
- OCE will help us with project finance closeout, updating the GIS system info, and record drawings after the Casella work is completed.

OPERATIONS:

- Calls for service last month: 3
- Boil Notices last month: 0
- Chris & Anthony continue to do a great job for DFD, very responsive.

DFD SERVICE LINE COST SHEET								
SERVICE ADDRESS:	FW WEBB	FERGUSON	WTP	HERRMANN	MISC	TOTAL	NOTES:	QTY
2773 Dorset West Rd	\$0.00	\$2,262.66	\$3,393.35	\$10,038.11	\$1,512.90	\$17,207.02	Done in 2 phases, includes lawn restoration, included drilling, +/- 110'	110
2918 Dorset West Rd	\$0.00	\$17,421.35	\$1,594.51	\$14,253.58	\$0.00	\$33,269.44	Done in 3 phases, missing pavement patch, +/- 300' w new hydrant	300
3172 Dorset West Rd	\$2,484.35	\$0.00	\$1,178.39	\$3,162.50	\$0.00	\$6,825.24	Done in 2 phases, included drilling and meter +/- 82'	82

TOTAL						\$57,301.70	Per Foot	\$116.47
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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT # 1 FINANCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 14, 2026:

Expense and revenue reports are attached, highlights below:

Water District:

Cash on hand:

Sinking Fund balance:	\$29,783
Checking balance:	\$147,078
Loan to Fire:	-\$64,166
Cash position:	\$176,861

- Quarter 1 bills are going out soon;
- Expenses for large project construction, engineering; operations
- LOC balance currently: \$1,000,000
- Operations expense
- Casella Invoice 5 expected for the 9/14 meeting or soon thereafter

Water fees due (more than 30 days): 11 accounts with a balance of \$4,621

Fire District:

- Expenses paid: firehouse maintenance, equipment
- Kudos to the Firemen for painting the garage bay's for free! (donated paint and donated time).

Cash on hand:

Education Retention Fund:	\$2,443
General Checking:	\$91,985 (Jones Donation money: \$90,000)

Truck Escrow:	\$3,005 (restricted)
Cash Position:	\$21,178
Loan From Water:	\$97,433

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Trial Balance - Fire Dept

Town Manager

Current Year - Period 3 Sep

Account/Description	Budget	Balance
01-1000-00.01 BB - Educ/Rent Fund	0.00	2,443.31
01-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	91,985.82
01-1000-00.03 Truck Escrow - Berkshire	0.00	3,005.37
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	2,335,536.44
01-1500-00.02 Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	-849,437.19
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	-68,060.91
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	0.00
Total Asset	0.00	1,515,472.84
01-2000-00.00 Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
01-2000-00.01 New Truck Payment Payable	0.00	459,414.58
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	459,414.58
01-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	-97.00	1,024,519.55
Total Fund Balance	-97.00	1,024,519.55
01-3000-00.01 Reserve for Truck Sinking	0.00	2,998.73
01-3000-00.02 Res for Tax Sale	0.00	0.00
Total Reserves	0.00	2,998.73

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Trial Balance - Fire Dept

Town Manager

Current Year - Period 3 Sep

Account/Description	Estimated Revenue	Received To Date	Uncollected Balance	MTD Revenue
01-6000-30.00 Interest Income	100.00	0.00	100.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-6000-60.00 Town Tax Appropriation	215,500.00	107,763.00	107,737.00	107,763.00
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	6,000.00	-6,000.00	1,000.00
01-6900-00.05 Sale of Equipment/Bldg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	215,600.00	113,763.00	101,837.00	108,763.00

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Trial Balance - Fire Dept

Town Manager

Current Year - Period 3 Sep

Account/Description	Budget	Expenditures	Balance	MTD Expenditures
01-7100-10.00 Advertisements	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
01-7100-20.00 Fire Prevention	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
01-7100-30.00 Insurance	20,000.00	1,546.00	18,454.00	1,246.00
01-7100-40.00 Ofc/Fireman Supplies	1,000.00	134.67	865.33	0.00
01-7100-45.00 Postage & Printing	250.00	90.00	160.00	0.00
01-7100-50.00 Professional Fees	3,500.00	7,500.00	-4,000.00	1,500.00
01-7100-51.00 Clerk/Mgr Fees	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
01-7100-52.00 Dam Fee Prentiss Pond	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7100-53.00 Dispatch Fees	0.00	2,900.00	-2,900.00	0.00
01-7200-10.00 Gas/Diesel Fuel Apparatus	8,000.00	1,303.03	6,696.97	292.73
01-7200-12.00 Fed Tax on Fuel	0.00	95.87	-95.87	0.00
01-7200-15.00 Maintenance-Equipment	25,000.00	8,223.56	16,776.44	4,347.58
01-7200-20.00 New Equipment	24,000.00	8,494.85	15,505.15	8,494.85
01-7200-32.00 New Truck Payment	50,353.00	50,353.44	-0.44	0.00
01-7200-32.01 Truck Payment Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	22,000.00	1,591.71	20,408.29	921.09
01-7500-21.00 Supplies - Firehouse	500.00	25.62	474.38	0.00
01-7500-30.00 Utilities	13,000.00	1,537.40	11,462.60	209.59
01-7600-20.00 FM Training/Dues/Mileage	2,500.00	89.42	2,410.58	0.00
01-7600-30.00 Firemen Education & Reten	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
01-7600-40.00 Firemen Dinner/Meals	1,200.00	506.87	693.13	78.75
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	830.58	-830.58	69.70
01-7900-00.05 Bad Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-7900-00.09 Payroll-Taxes	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
01-7900-00.10 Payroll-Processing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	215,503.00	85,223.02	130,279.98	17,160.29
Total Fire Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Debits: 2,733,793.96 Total Credits: 2,733,793.96

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Trial Balance - Water Dept

Town Manager

Current Year - Period 3 Sep

Account/Description	Budget	Balance
02-1000-00.00 Berkshire - Money Market	0.00	29,783.21
02-1000-00.02 Berkshire - Checking	0.00	147,078.01
02-1100-00.00 Accounts Receivable	0.00	2,356.49
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	-8,461.47
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	4,854,795.11
02-1500-00.02 Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	-53,275.36
02-1900-00.02 Inter-Fund	0.00	68,060.91
02-2300-00.00 Due from Fire District	0.00	0.00
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	5,040,336.90
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	3,351,306.45
02-2000-00.02 Line of Credit	0.00	1,000,000.00
Total Liability	0.00	4,351,306.45
02-3000-00.00 Fund Balance	0.00	792,840.25
Total Fund Balance	0.00	792,840.25
02-3000-00.01 Reserve for Water Sinking	0.00	29,717.44
Total Reserves	0.00	29,717.44

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Trial Balance - Water Dept

Town Manager

Current Year - Period 3 Sep

Account/Description	Estimated Revenue	Received To Date	Uncollected Balance	MTD Revenue
02-6000-30.00 Interest Income	500.00	125.98	374.02	0.00
02-6000-30.10 User Fees - Delinquent	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
02-6000-30.20 User Fees - Current	167,000.00	0.00	167,000.00	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	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	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	168,000.00	125.98	167,874.02	0.00

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Trial Balance - Water Dept

Town Manager

Current Year - Period 3 Sep

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	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
02-7000-03.00 Clerical Supplies	350.00	13.49	336.51	0.00
02-7000-04.00 Clerk/Mgr Fees	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02-7000-05.00 Contingency	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02-7000-07.00 Dues & Publications	300.00	240.00	60.00	0.00
02-7000-08.00 Fuel	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00
02-7000-09.00 Insurance	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00
02-7000-11.01 Maintenance - Main Line	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00	0.00
02-7000-11.02 Maintenance - Reservoir	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
02-7000-11.03 Maintenance - Road	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
02-7000-11.04 Maintenance-Service Line	0.00	26,429.26	-26,429.26	0.00
02-7000-12.00 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-13.00 Misc. Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
02-7000-14.00 Plan Loan/Bond Expenses	0.00	96,057.32	-96,057.32	0.00
02-7000-15.00 Plan Loan Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-16.00 Operating Permit	1,950.00	317.15	1,632.85	0.00
02-7000-18.00 Postage	1,000.00	156.00	844.00	0.00
02-7000-19.00 Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-20.00 Professtional Fees	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00
02-7000-21.00 Repay Loans/Debt Retireme	65,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	0.00
02-7000-22.00 Sinking Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02-7000-23.00 System Operator	45,000.00	9,620.00	35,380.00	0.00
02-7000-24.00 Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02-7000-25.00 Testing	1,800.00	820.00	980.00	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	0.00	0.00	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	168,000.00	133,653.22	34,346.78	0.00
Total Water Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Debits: 5,403,726.95 Total Credits: 5,403,726.95

Total All Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Grand Total Debits: 8,137,520.91 Grand Total Credits: 8,137,520.91

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Aged Receivables Report

Town Manager

Account	Name	Service	Current	Over 30	Over 60	Over 90	Over 120	Total	Credits
000078	SMITH QPRT VT TRUST, C/		207.62	8.79	204.07	5.86	405.21	831.55	0.00
	Location: 40 CHENEY RD								
000134	FELIS, AUSTIN		204.69	5.86	201.14	2.93	198.21	612.83	0.00
	Location: 3584 ROUTE 30								
000237	HAAS, RICHARD		250.16	0.00	7.34	0.00	0.00	257.50	0.00
	Location: 2868 DORSET WEST RD								
000373	PLAWSKY, DOV		201.76	2.93	198.21	0.00	0.00	402.90	0.00
	Location: 2999 DORSET WEST ROAD								
000378	DOHERTY, TIMOTHY J		204.69	5.86	201.14	2.93	200.77	615.39	0.00
	Location: 2773 DORSET WEST RD								
000386	STIMSON, JOHN RUSHING &		239.89	6.84	234.97	3.42	231.55	716.67	0.00
	Location: 161 KENT HILL RD								
000396	CHASE, KELLEY & MIKE		233.05	0.00	3.42	0.00	0.00	236.47	0.00
	Location: 2677 ROUTE 30								
000576	RODENBURG, JOHN & ALEID		215.99	0.05	6.34	0.00	0.00	222.38	0.00
	Location: 133 KENT HILL RD								
000676	WHITE, ROBERTA		218.73	2.79	195.42	0.00	0.00	416.94	0.00
	Location: 3119 DORSET WEST RD								
000843	DE SCHWEINITZ, ANNE		88.00	0.00	1.31	0.00	0.00	89.31	0.00
	Location: 0 KENT HILL ROAD								
000854	DE SCHWEINITZ, ANNE		215.94	0.00	3.18	0.00	0.00	219.12	0.00
	Location: 163 KENT HILL RD								
SERVICES:	# of Accounts								
	11		2280.52	33.12	1256.54	15.14	1035.74	4621.06	0.00
Total All Services:			2280.52	33.12	1256.54	15.14	1035.74	4621.06	0.00