

TOWN OF ELMORE

AGENDA – Monthly Select Board Meeting

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MEETING DATE: 10September14 – 1830-2000hrs

REVISION: V2.3

STATUS: APPROVED: Start 1835hrs – Adjourn 1940hrs,

Attendees: R. M. Burley, R. W. Hartt, M. LaCasse

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A. SPECIAL TOPICS: (Items requiring expanded discussion)

B. NEW ITEMS: (Schedule w/Select Board, min. 1 wk. prior to meeting)

1. Elmore United Methodist Church (George Twombly & Robert West) requested abatement for church water rates. VT ANR Drinking Water Quality Rules specify rate formulas for all churches connected to public drinking water systems. If abated, town residents would have to assume payment for church water to keep system solvent.

ESB Action: Burley & Water Commissioners to review ANR rules and render decision.

2. WOTUS, “Waters of the US”, Comment period underway: New EPA Proposed Rules (NPRM) expand EPA oversight for ALL water in US to include streams, brooks, ponds, vernal pools, etc. Burley invited to regional meeting 22Sep14. Need decisions: 1) shall Burley attend and 2) If so, what are to be Elmore position and comments.

ESB Action: Burley, may attend, largely as observer. No specific Elmore comments, as EPA related water issues in Elmore are expected to be minimal. Ruling will have far reaching effects in mid and western America.

3. Burley and Stuart Wepler represented Elmore at 14 August meeting of town/city government and school representatives to discuss VT Property Tax/Education Tax. Complicated education funding system explained. Consensus appears 1) Education funding is a problem; 2) System needs to be simpler and more equitable. Future meetings to be scheduled. Intent is increase town level guidance to Legislature to simplify and reduce statewide burden.

ESB Action: Information item for ESB: Elmore will continue to attend future meetings.

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS: (Update status, by item, by DRI)

1. Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse

ESB Action: Information only: Bus routes graded; Added Stay-Mat to critical areas of E. Elmore and Symonds Mill Rds; Winter Sand Pile accumulation nearly complete; Replaced carbide grader edge after 2 yr service; Old town F-550 for sale;

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Expect delivery of new Dodge 5500 by mid- September; No employee issues;

On 22 August night, Town Garage Vandalism – mud kicked up on garage, parking lot torn up, vehicle attempted climb of sand pile.

2. Water System:

- a. **Transient pump solenoid failure 7/20/14 requiring daily manual transfer of water from holding tanks to pressure tanks. Labor intensive.**
- b. **Believe basic solenoid design may be flawed.**
- c. **Burley has reconstituted Engineering, Construction, Supplier and User team to resolve.**
- d. **Burley resolved alleged EPA Audit administrative error regarding missing MBE/WBE forms. EPA agrees Elmore neither liable nor responsible. Audit remains clean, found no Water Project errors.**

3. DEER LAKE Timber & VLT Land Conservation:

- a. **Quit Claim deed signed and recorded. E. B. Hyde will transfer ownership to VLT with conservation easements in place.**

4. Elmore Planning Commission Update – Hartt

- a. **Elmore Shore line zoning update in review/approval phase at ANR. Elmore will become 2nd town in VT to have local designated authority to approve permits (Colchester=1st)**
- b. **First 3 sections currently in review by ESB**

5. Revised Elmore Road & Bridge Standards: ESB to approve simple 2 page revision as provided VTrans/AOT & LCPC. Current Elmore practices exceed these standards. No change to current practices.

ESB Action: Approved AOT/LCPC Road & Bridge Standards Template.

6. Tax Map Digitization – On schedule, on budget; first progress report submitted.

7. DRB Appointment: Caroline DeVore

ESB Action: ESB approved appointment of Caroline DeVore to DRB

E. NON AGENDA/OTHER ITEMS: (*Time Available*)

- 1. Routine Administrative, Operations and payment approvals**
- 2. Review Action Item List**