

TOWN OF ELMORE

MINUTES – Monthly Select Board Meeting

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MEETING DATE: 14Jan15– 1830-2000hrs

Version: V2.3

STATUS: APPROVED

ATTENDEES: R. M. Burley, R. W. Hartt, Michel LaCasse, Tracy Wrend,
Penny Jones, Greg Tallman, Terry McKenna, Sharon Fortune

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A. SPECIAL TOPICS: (Items requiring expanded discussion)

1. Elmore Grammar School Security – T. Wrend & P. Jones - LSSU
 - a. Explore and identify possible increased security measures for school children, per request of Tracy Wrend.
 - b. **ACTION:** ESB will review use of “No Trespass” Orders and refine procedures for Elmore implementation.
 - c. **ACTION:** ESB will identify other procedures for school security that are appropriate for Elmore.
2. Lamoille County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan –Taylor Foster, LCPC
 - a. FEMA has approved Elmore & Lamoille County plan, submitted to FEMA in 2013.
 - b. HazMitPln refresh cycle = 5yrs (this plan therefore active to 2020).
 - c. **ACTION:** ESB approved plan which will be resubmitted to LCPC and FEMA for activation.

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

1. **FY 16 Budget:** Identify any new items or significant changes to current budget items, profile or spend rates.
 - a. **ACTION:** No new items or changes identified
2. **Complaint:** Elmore Road conditions & maintenance – Greg Tallman
 - a. 4 day winter storm of 8-11 December 14 caused significant problems for all highway departments in Vermont.
 - b. Elmore was only Lamoille County town with no road closures (Per Sheriff, VSP and VEMA data)
 - c. Total damages and costs in VT will surpass Irene (FEMA data)
 - d. **SUMMARY:** Mr. Tallman very angrily berated the Road Commissioner and Select Board Chair for alleged incompetence for “failure to maintain” LaCasse Road and Tallman Road in passible condition during the height of the storm. Displaying unsubstantiated personal animus toward both the Road Commissioner and Select Board Chair, Mr. Tallman, repeatedly citing “common sense”, offered no specific suggestions as to future operating changes. Selectman R. W. Hartt was effective in slightly calming Mr. Tallman who departed the meeting after a 45 minute tirade laced with ad hominum vitriol.
 - e. **BACKGROUND:** Mr. Tallman had angrily confronted Selectmen Hartt and Burley at TCO for approximately 30 minutes

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immediately following the 10 Dec 14 ESB meeting, speculating unspecified disastrous emergency outcomes. Following the departure of Mr. Tallman, both selectmen immediately drove the LaCasse-Tallman Roads with little difficulty. Had there ever been an emergency, it is important to note that the Elmore Highway Department is always alerted simultaneously with VSP, Sheriff and any necessary emergency vehicles to provide immediate road maintenance if necessary.

- f. **ACTION: Select Board and Road Commissioner will continue to review storm operating procedures for improvements, including use of “on call” equipment/operators and plowing schedules.**

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

1. **Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse**
 - a. **Repeated winter storms with abnormal moisture have strained both equipment and materials. Elmore has used over 1/2 of planned sand at 1/4 of winter. Sand is in shortage throughout Vermont. All equipment is operational. All personnel are available as needed.**
2. **Water System:**
 - a. **UMC water payments remain unresolved. Water Commissioners will resolve with church with ANR/WQD guidance.**
3. **Elmore Planning Commission Update – Hartt**
 - a. **Status: Updated shore land zoning**
 - b. **Status: Other chapters pending.**
4. **Lamoille County Regional Plan: Current plan (2006) remains in effect until summer 2015. ESB should expect significant revisions with increased ESB review necessary.**
5. **Tax Map Digitization – On schedule, on budget**

D. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS: (Update status, by item, by DRI)

1. **Review Action Item List**

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

1. **Routine Administrative, Operations and payment approvals**