

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by C. DeVore
Status: APPROVED

Meeting Date: March 18, 2015

Start Time: 6:12 pm **Adjourn:** 7:25 pm

Meeting Attendees: Robert Burley – ESB Chairman, Caroline DeVore– ESB,
Michel Lacasse– Road Commissioner

A. SPECIAL TOPICS:

1. **EPA has advised VT ANR to perform massive upgrade of standards and enforcement in 2015 of Water Quality Regulations. Elmore watersheds feed Champlain. All property owners and taxpayers will be affected by costs and rules.**
 - a. Residents should be fully aware of the public comment period and be prepared to participate and understand possible impact to private property.
2. **Water Commissioners and UMC have reached agreement on rates and responsibilities – Revenue shortfall/default averted.**

B. NEW ITEMS:

1. **Regular appointment of ESB 2015 Town Officials**
 - a. Receiving no requests for removal, SB reappointed all currently appointed Town Officials for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.
2. **Public Safety: RE: Town Meeting issue: ESB actions & schedule to**
 - a. Increase public awareness to determine future town public safety direction.
 - i. New survey to be conducted. Survey exposure increasing by:
 1. Electronic posting on Town website
 2. Electronic posting on Front Porch forum
 3. Paper survey included in July tax bill mailing
 4. Paper survey available at Elmore Store and Clerk's Office

Survey period will be open until August 1, 2015
3. **Approve Elmore Highway Winter Operations Guidelines**
 - a. SB approved guidelines. The guidelines have been posted to the Town's website here: <http://www.elmorevt.org/srcs/pdf/winter-highway-operations.pdf>
4. **Jan Miller request for use of Town Hall 7Apr15**
 - a. Subject: Rob Roper, president of the Ethan Allen Institute, informational meeting: property taxes, property valuations, school choice, options & costs, state & town revenue impact.
 - b. SB approves the use of the building as follows:
 - i. Rental without setup: \$100 (required)
 - ii. Rental with setup/teardown: \$175 (optional)

No political usages (campaigning, rallying, other activities of a political nature). Building will be left in same condition as delivered, trash removal, clean-up responsibility of renter unless optional setup/teardown fee included.
5. **Will the SB vote to refinance the last payment on the Town fire truck for a net savings of \$315.**
 - a. SB approved. Paperwork signed.
6. **SB thankfully acknowledges Morrisville Rotary Club Polar Splash contribution of \$200.**
7. **The Town mourns the passing of Harlan Manning, a valued former Town employee.**

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS:

1. Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse

Work Completed:

- a. Plow and sand routes. Lots of drifting due to high winds.
- b. Pushed back snow banks with loader
- c. Wing back snow with grader to prepare for spring or more snow.
- d. Graded many roads due to thaw March 11
- e. Roads posted.

Equipment status:

- f. Job done.

Employee Status:

- a. Been able to cut back on overtime. Less storms on weekends.

Upcoming issues:

- a. Approval of winter operation plan.
- b. Grants need work.
- c. Summer construction.
- d. Policies.

2. Identify key legislative session Elmore issues for Reps Smith & Patt.

Most issues summarized in Smith & Patt, Town Meeting Report available at Town Office.

3. Public Records Compliance –

- a. S114 regarding notice, retention, agendas, minutes, websites.
 - i. Relaxes some of the 2014 open meeting laws but also tightened others. In Senate committee.
- b. Town Officials email usage and email addresses
 - i. To comply with VT Open Meeting laws, SB strongly advises that all Town Officials currently conducting Town Business using personal email accounts transition to town email accounts on Town web server.
 - ii. Transition recommended NLT 1 July 2015.

4. Elmore Grammar School Security – T. Wrend & P. Jones - LSSU

- a. Counsel retained to draft improved Elmore No Trespass Order –Burley
- b. Inventory school physical security and procedures – DeVore

5. Elmore Planning Commission Update – Hartt

(discussion deferred until April SB meeting, Hartt unavailable)

- a. Status: Final DRAFT available for ESB Review
- b. Target date for Public Meetings is: 25March15 at regular Planning Commission meeting
- c. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUE: What impact will EPA/ANR water quality have on zoning & town plans?

D. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS:

- 1. Open Action Item List reviewed by SB.

=====