

**TOWN OF ELMORE
MINUTES – Monthly Select Board Meeting**

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MEETING DATE: 11NOV15– 1830-2000hrs Start: 1836hrs; End: 1945hrs

REVISION: 1.0

STATUS: **APPROVED**

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ATTENDEES: Robert Burley (ESB), Whit Hartt (ESB), Michel LaCasse (Roads), Rusty DeWees (resident), Jason Bernier (new town resident), Ryan Austin (new town resident)

A. SPECIAL TOPICS: (Items requiring expanded discussion)

1. WATER SYSTEM:

- a. **ANR-WQD Permit to Operate Modified:** needs modifications in two critical areas: 1) Optional Chlorination and 2) Capacity upgrade to permit future additional users. ANR-WQD meeting 21Oct: **ANR agrees to changes.** ANR to sign & issue Permit to Operate.
- b. **DWSRF Loan Amended:** Negotiated \$93K **reduction** in total loan amount, comprised of \$43K below budget, plus \$50K low income forgiveness. **Water System debt service reduced ~\$800/yr.** First debt service payment due 1DEC15.

2. ELMORE SHORELAND PERMITTING: VT ANR has issued 1) Statement of Functional Equivalency and 2) Local Delegation (with town requested reduction of administrative reporting requirements). Final documents should be completed before next ESB meeting. **Elmore 2nd town in VT to achieve local permitting!**

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

- 1. SCHOOL MERGER VOTE:** Morrisville voted YES, Elmore voted NO.
- a. **SUMMARY:** Elmore FY17 Education Tax will increase approximately \$350/\$100,000. Elmore still must consolidate by FY19 (2.5yrs) under Act 46, unless modified. Future of Elmore School and "school choice" remain undetermined. No alternatives yet presented.

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

- 1. UPDATE:** Road Commissioner – LaCasse
- a. Intensive fall grading continues in preparation for winter
 - b. Winter equipment maintenance completed
 - c. Extensive seeding & mulching as required by new, stringent ANR water quality regulations
 - i. Mulcher purchased (Champlain Valley Equipment) to comply with new, stringent water quality regulations
 - d. Brush cut back along Leahy Road
 - e. Employees: all present and able
 - f. **PLANS:** Complete winter stockpiles, Refine Beach Rd improvement options, determine Grader rebuild/replace options

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- g. **PLAN: 2016 Employee training: Safety, Water Quality, operations & maintenance.**
- 2. **DISCUSSION: WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS:** Extensive discussion at request of attendees, updating and outlining expanding, stringent ANR/EPA water quality regulations and projected effect on residents and town operations. Compliance costs, new permitting, expenses and taxes will increase for town, individual residences and businesses.
- 3. **UPDATE: Wesolowski Rt 12 Winter Logging ROW - Burley**
 - a. Notification letter drafted and sent 30Oct15 to Wolloch family for ROW. Scheduled ESB Inspection date = 2Dec15.
 - b. Meeting with Mike Green, Forester: Review boundaries, forest management plans, surveys and routes. Previous access exists.
- 4. **UPDATE: Wesolow Eagle Ledge Logging & Trail Condition**
 - a. Burley inspection 11/8: Predictable changes, no signif. probs.
- 5. **DISCUSSION:** Explanation to attendees of VT statutory process for creating a “Way of Necessity” for forestry and agriculture. Overview of AMPs for forestry and forest access.
- 6. **UPDATE: Barnett “Worcester Park” Zoning Change – Burley**
 - a. Barnett requests zoning change to allow Planned Urban Development areas between 1500’MSL and 1900’MSL.
 - b. Barnett offers Elmore an undefined ridgeline public easement.
 - c. Agreements with other landowners and VT-ANR will be required to complete the Worcester to Elmore ridgeline trail. Construction and Maintenance work and costs not defined.
 - d. Rusty DeWeese, Robert Burley, Whit Hartt and attendees discussed particular attributes and allure of the ridgeline.
- 7. **UPDATE: Elmore Planning Commission – Hartt**
 - a. **STATUS:** Sub Division By Laws- essentially completed
 - b. **STATUS:** Fluvial Erosion – to be incorporated to comply with water quality regulations
 - c. **STATUS:** Future Energy – define and present conservation and efficiency options.

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.