

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by C. DeVore
Status: APPROVED

Meeting Date: December 9, 2015

Start Time: 6:30 pm **Adjourn:** 8:02 pm

Meeting Attendees: Robert Burley – ESB Chairman, Caroline DeVore – ESB, Whit Hartt – ESB, Michel Lacasse – Road Commissioner, Alan Wesolow – Observer/Interested Party, Mike Green - Mike Green – Forester/Green Forest Tree Service

A. SPECIAL TOPICS:

1. **TIMBER WAY OF NECESSITY:** Route 12 access to landlocked timber
 - a. 19 V.S.A. – 923 & 958; Warned inspection held 2 Dec 15. Burley present for Elmore; Ruth Wesolow present for petitioner; No landowner representation, no testimony received.
 - b. **ESB REVIEW:** Inspection Report, Chronology & Findings documents
 - c. **ESB DECISION:** Under V.S.A. T19 para 923 & 958, will Select Board grant “way of necessity for the practical removal of lumber.”
 - i. Vermont Laws hold that no land shall be held unproductive.

Action/Decision: SB reviewed, approved and executed the “Way of Necessity for Practical Removal of Lumber and Wood”.

- d. **ESB DECISION:** Will Elmore retain 3rd party consulting forester to verify project with impartial objectivity?
 - i. Johathan Wood, CF, former Commissioner ANR Forests, Parks & Recreation is highly experienced and available.

Actions: Burley reviewed contract – Mr. Wood will verify project. Rate for inspection is \$60/hr not to exceed \$360. SB agreed with execution of the agreement with Mr. Wood. Mr. Burley signed.

B. NEW ITEMS:

1. **DECISION:** Will ESB approve \$150 contribution to Front Porch Forum in lieu of routine fees for Town Public Notice posting.

Action/Decision: SB agreed a \$150 payment in lieu of public notice services for calendar year 2015.

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS:

1. **Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse**

Summary of local work:

Work Completed:

- a. Finished stock piles.
- b. Cut brush.
- c. Minimal grading.
- d. Sanding and plowing when needed.
- e. Winter maintenance, speeder chains, cutting edges.

Equipment status:

- f. Prepared for winter.

Employee Status:

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- a. All is well.

Upcoming:

- a. Beach Road options review.
- b. Grader options.
- c. Projects for 2016.

2. UPDATE: Beach Rd BBR (Better Back Roads) Grant; grant administration to receive ~\$9500

- a. **Project expenses submitted to AOT (LaCasse);**
- b. **Financial Internal Controls & Compliance forms submitted (Burley)**

Action: All submissions complete and we expect payment for work completed in 2014 on Beach Rd.

3. UPDATE: Barnett "Worcester Park" Zoning Change – Burley

- a. **Barnett requests zoning change to allow PUD, Planned Urban Development areas between 1300'MSL and 1900'MSL.**
- b. **Barnett offers Elmore undefined ridgeline trail easement. Other landowners along ridgeline currently negative RE: trail.**
- c. **ESB has reviewed 10 supporting exhibits received since 14 Oct**
- d. **Burley researched additional ANR, EPA other relevant guidance**
- e. **DECISION: Will ESB approve Barnett zoning change.**

Action: SB discussed request and reviewed analysis. Vote on acceptance of proposal held; all SB members voted "No" on requested zoning changes.

4. UPDATE: Elmore Planning Commission – Hartt

- a. **STATUS: Sub Division By-Laws**
- b. **STATUS: Fluvial Erosion Evaluation & Recommendations**
- c. **STATUS: Future Energy Guidance**

Note: Guidelines to be complete and voted on at the next scheduled meeting.

D. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS:

- 1. Open Action Item List reviewed by SB.

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