

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by C. DeVore
Status: APPROVED

Meeting Date: February 10, 2016

Start Time: 6:31pm **Adjourn:** 7:19 pm

Meeting Attendees: Robert Burley – ESB Chairman, Caroline DeVore – ESB, Whit Hartt – ESB, Michel Lacasse– Road Commissioner, Rob Wills - Resident

A. SPECIAL TOPICS:

1. **INFORMATION:** Vermont Land Trust (VLT) & The Nature Conservancy (TNC) plan to sell the remaining large parcels acquired from Atlas Timberlands Partnership (in 1997) to private entities. All subject to permanent conservation easements for stewardship and public access.
 - a. An ESB briefing can be scheduled to review the holdings and the specific easements, public access, watershed etc. for congruency with Elmore zoning bylaws.

B. NEW ITEMS:

1. **STATUTORY CHANGE:** Pending legislation to transfer some duties of Town Service Agent to state administration; RE: distribution of certain poverty payments. If passed, ESB to review continued relevance of the role in Elmore at March 9, 2016 Town Meeting.
2. **ACTION:** LCPC requires update of watershed/transportation projects list.
 - a. Prepare for upcoming grant season and compliance with Act 64. Carry over from information noted in minutes of 1/13/16.
3. **DISCUSSION:** Should Elmore join other towns to insure both standing and jurisdiction of energy project siting. RE: Rutland Resolution & Swanton Wind Project. DRI assigned: Caroline DeVore. Will dove-tail with EPC discussions on Energy Futures for the town.

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS:

1. **Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse**

Unseasonable warmth and rain yields early “mud season”.

Summary of local work:

Work Completed:

- a. Plow and sand approx. 12” of snowfall since last report.
- b. Plow and sand state parking lots for free fishing day January 30th on Lake Elmore. Fish and wildlife estimated 300 in attendance.
- c. During warm-up last week, graded roads Thursday and Friday.

Equipment status:

- d. Working well.
- e. Grader being worked on at Collinsville Repair.

Employee Status:

- a. All is well.

Upcoming:

- a. LCPC asked to write road inventory and capital budget plan that will meet state Act 64.
- b. Beach Road refurbishment plan to be reviewed at Town Meeting. (Resurfacing project).

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- c. Working on Structures Grant for section of Elmore Mountain Road from Bedell Brook North approximately 1 mile. There are 12 culverts in that section of EMR. Larger culverts (over 3 feet) would potentially be covered by the state grant. Other culverts may be expanded under state requirements. With a combination of grants, we could update this section, equivalent to a quarter of the EMR total, with upgraded culverts (estimated life expectancy of 25 years).
- d. Back Roads Program now called Better Roads Program some expansion of available Grants.

- 2. **UPDATE: Elmore Planning Commission – Hartt**
 - a. **UPDATE: Factors relating to Shelia Rysz resignation**
 - b. **UPDATE: Process to select new Chairman EPC**
 - c. **UPDATE: Fluvial erosion & watershed issues**

D. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS:

- 1. Open Action Item List reviewed by SB.
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