

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by C. DeVore
Status: APPROVED

Meeting Date: April 13, 2016

Start Time: 6:29pm **Adjourn:** 8:21 pm

Meeting Attendees: Robert Burley – ESB Chairman, Caroline DeVore – ESB, Robb Wills – ESB,
Michel LaCasse – Road Commissioner

A. SPECIAL TOPICS:

B. NEW ITEMS:

1. DISCUSSION: Silt and soils runoff into Lake Elmore from Greaves Road watershed. Stream stabilization needed entire length. Multiple properties affected. House site and driveway construction areas need stabilization.
ACTION: Bob Burley assigned DRI and will coordinate with land owners and relevant state agencies to address run-off. Burley will contact land owners to notify that corrective actions are to be taken ASAP to address silt and soil runoff into Lake Elmore. Notifying EPA and ANR as necessary.
2. APPROVAL: 2016 Elmore Local Emergency Operations Plan – if updated and provided by Brent Hosking.
ACTION: Board members to review and send changes to Burley this week.
3. DISCUSSION: Replace town lights with LED. Est. cost \$7000, Est. Time to Break Even (TBE) is approximately 8.5 years.
 - a. MWL to provide locations and verify light count.
ACTION: SB discussed and doesn't see a pressing need or tangible short-term benefit to the town of converting all lights. SB has requested a replacement of the light at the Town garage.

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS:

1. Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse

- Status: Update watershed/highway projects list for LCPC
- Grant status: Beach Road past rebuild + new CY2016 work.

Work Completed:

- Plowing and sanding when needed. Last plow date April 9th.
- Grading when possible.
- Mud season was manageable, lots of potholes due to rain. 630 yds. of material used. All in our own stock piles. 10 hrs. of overtime.
- Several high wind events brought down many trees and branches.

Equipment status:

- Grader back in service March 12th.
- Truck #1 had some rear suspension work done.

Employee Status:

- All is well.

Upcoming:

- Three grants written. Two are for much needed structure replacement. (culverts) Ditch work stone lining on Elmore Mtn. Rd., one grant is for water quality improvements on

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Beach Rd. (paved portion). Stone lining and splash pools on culvert outlets. Will likely know results of grant applications by next select board meeting.

- ANR, under Act 64 water quality bill, will be issuing permits for town roads that pass standards. Cost for this permit is \$10k, every town large or small is subject to this new permit cost. Elmore did not budget for this new fee.
- Beach Road paving: Waiting on proposals from contractors for asphalt. It will soon be time to start hauling base materials. We do not expect a start date until June. Cost savings opportunity exists depending on the contractor award for Rt. 12 work.
- Town needs a policy for class four roads.

2. STATUS: 2016 Beach Road paving project- LaCasse + Burley
 - Schedule, financing, ELMR Highway Dept. involvement.
 - Review bid/award process and contract status.
3. STATUS: Legislative Action: Renewable Energy/new Construction requirements. – DRI=Wills. None currently underway. Efficiency VT offers grants to assist with residential construction – encouraging but not required.
4. STATUS: Legislative action: Renewable Energy Siting -DeVore
 - Key content and status of current Legislative Bill.
 - Customer impact data needed: mix % goals, penalties, etc.
 - Define additional impacts (TCO \$ costs, obligations)

ACTION: SB signed and returned documents joining the Rutland Resolution. This resolution seeks to increase the input of VT municipalities in the siting of renewable energy projects.
5. STATUS: Noise Abatement & Occupancy approaches – DeVore
DISCUSSION: The Board discussed recent noise concerns and DeVore presented an overview of Noise Ordinances from Morrisville and Stowe. In addition, Robb Wills shared the current VT Title 13 from the VT Crimes and Criminal Procedures booklet regarding noise. The SB will continue gathering data, but as an immediate course of action, recommends that residents contact the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office (i.e. Dial 911) for immediate relief from noise. The SB will continue evaluating dispatch calls due to noise complaints and will consider adoption of a noise ordinance and/or other fines and penalties to property owners should data reflect a consistent, growing or escalating issue.
Short-term rentals and Over-Occupancy complaints: SB will continue gathering data concerning property owners who rent their properties at occupancy levels that exceed permitted use. The SB will continue to evaluate complaints, including dispatch calls, that indicate property over-occupancy. Additional permitting and fines will be evaluated should data indicate a consistent or growing issue.
6. STATUS: Police & Sheriff coverage – speeding & patrols - Burley
 - Morrisville unable to provide additional assistance for Elmore roadways.
 - VT State Police Barracks confirmed moving from Morrisville to Cambridge.
7. STATUS: Employee Benefits- Town will be adding basic dental insurance for employees and spouses.
8. UPDATE: Elmore Planning Commission:
No report this week.

D. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS:

1. Open Action Item List reviewed by SB.

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