

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Special Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by G. Schwartz
Status: Approved

Meeting Date October 8, 2024

Start Time: 6:00 PM Adjourn: 8:00 PM

Meeting Attendees: See attached lists

Meeting Recording Link <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/oipcHVBL5R-xnastpdulhnA4So4tIsIXewu96s83hk8RdcKlwtb-5ABd3uc7Tq4T.er-GCLwu6oeY7FfC?startTime=1728424708000>

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Recording will be available for 30 days from the meeting date.

1. SPECIAL TOPICS

1) Rain Garden Construction on Town Land

Notes: The meeting was held to discuss the stormwater mitigation plans aimed at reducing phosphorus and sediment loading into the lake, that were previously approved by the town board and funded by a state grant. Concerns were raised about transparency, communication, and the potential impact on the lake's view and surrounding properties. The meeting also addressed concerns about the project's cost, maintenance, and potential impact on use of the deeded property, with suggestions for alternative solutions and further discussions planned.

Next Steps

- Contractor to complete the existing rain garden behind the Town Hall.
- Elmore Select Board to engage Town Council to review the covenants on the deeded property to determine what is allowed.
- Peter Danforth to provide a plant list for the buffer zone in front of the lake to the Select Board.
- Elmore Select Board to set up a subsequent meeting on Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM to review plantings and the lawyer's opinion.
- Elmore Select Board to hold off on the rain garden complex on the deeded property until further notice.
- Elmore Select Board to communicate the next meeting details to the town via alerts and Front Porch Forum.
- Elmore Select Board to move the next meeting to the Town Hall for a larger venue. Peter Danforth to contact Watershed United Vermont about potentially reallocating funds.
- Elmore Select Board to improve communication with residents about significant town projects.
- Dawn Cress and Planning Commission to start review of town plan on October 17th and encourage public participation.
- Elmore Select Board to consider extending the retention period for meeting recordings beyond 30 days.

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A motion was made by W. West to 1) authorize the completion of the rain garden behind the Town Hall (un-deeded Town Property) 2) have the Towns attorney review the Covance and advise on the deeded property 3) setup a subsequent meeting to review the plantings and the Lawyers opinion on Tuesday October 5, 2024 at 6:00pm. G. Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Select Board.

Minutes Respectfully Created and Submitted by:

Glenn Schwartz

10/10/24

Town Of Elmore
Meeting Attendance Record

Holly Wilkins
Charley Burnham

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REASON FOR ATTENDING

Reason for Attendance

| YOUR NAME (printed) | Observer | Interested Party | Principal Party | Expert or Consultant | WHY ARE YOU ATTENDING? |
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| Glen Schwartz | | | ✓ | | SB Member |
| Shanty Toole | | | | | TAX Payer |
| Don Valentine | | ✓ | | | " " |
| Nancy Davis | | | | | " " |
| Sue Mercia | ✓ | ✓ | | | " " |
| SUE + ED OLSEN | ✓ | | | | " " |
| Craig Merrill | | | | | |
| Jason Cohen | ✓ | | | | |
| Rufus Ruff | ✓ | | | | |
| Michelle [unclear] | ✓ | | | | |
| Caroline Bellone | | | ✓ | | SB Member |
| [unclear] | | | ✓ | | " |
| Colin Reynolds | ✓ | | | | |
| Jack & Michael Bondrean | | | | | |
| Michael Bondrean | ✓ | | | | interest information |
| Dawn + George Kross | ✓ | | | | |

Paul Roussele ✓
Courtney F

Holly Wilkins
Charley Burnham

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| BARBRA LACASSE | | | | | |
| Cheerl Schwartz | | | | | |
| Connie Perlín | | | | | |
| Elsie Brennan | | | | | |
| Joe Wilkins | | | | | |
| MARK Brewer | | | | | |
| Liz Dickson | | | | | |
| Meredith Davis | | | | | |
| Michelle Gerson | | | | | |
| SARAH DOWN | | | | | |
| SHARON DRAPER | | | | | |
| CHRIS JOLLEY | | | | | |
| Rosemarie West | | | | | |
| ANDREA ADDET - | | | | | |
| Heather Courchaine | | | | | |
| Peter Danforth | | | | | |

Ray Bouchon

Mark Isselhardt