

MEETING OF THE ELMORE PLANING COMMISSION

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

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Discussion of Health & Wellness Chapter

Review of Town Plan Chapter 5

CHAPTER X: Health and Wellness

This Health and Wellness Chapter emphasizes the role the Elmore community can play in promoting the health and well-being of its residents. Wellness, in its broadest sense, includes not only physical health but also mental, emotional, social, and environmental well-being, all of which contribute to a vibrant, thriving community. By addressing various aspects of health, the town can create an environment where individuals have access to the resources and opportunities needed to live healthier, more fulfilling lives. For a one-stop-shop site to find resources like food, housing, financial assistance, health care, and more visit <https://www.findhelp.org/>. This chapter promotes health equity for all Elmore residents. As defined by the Center for Disease Control, health equity is “the state in which everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health”. Achieving this requires ongoing societal efforts to overcome economic, social, and other obstacles to health and health care, and eliminate preventable health disparities. Health equity in community planning links traditional concepts of planning (land use, transportation, community facilities, parks and open space) with health themes such as physical activity, public safety, healthy food access, mental health, air and water quality, and social well-being. The key focus areas below address these aspects of health equity. For more information on health equity planning visit the Health Equity Planning Toolkit at <https://www.lpcvt.org/>.



Planning for Healthy Communities, Change Lab Solutions

Key areas of focus to foster health and wellness in the community include:

- Promoting health equity
- Healthy food access and choices
- Substance prevention, treatment, recovery, and mental health
- Active living, active transportation, and recreation
- Access to healthcare
- Social inclusion, engagement, and sense of community
- Age-friendly environments
- Prompt and effective services in the event of an emergency

The Town of Elmore is committed to fostering the health and well-being of all residents and visitors, and it will prioritize community health when making local level decisions and establishing and reviewing existing Town policies. We recognize our responsibility to reduce risks in our community that contribute to negative individual and community wellness outcomes. Additionally, we aim to enhance protective factors for youth and individuals of all ages and support older residents in aging in place through intentional planning. This includes building a town culture that promotes healthy behaviors and social well-being while reducing risk behaviors, such as substance misuse.

Although the Community Health and Wellness Element is not a required element of the Town Plan, the Town believes that its inclusion in the Plan ensures that public health and wellness remains a top priority for the Town of Elmore.

Access to Health Care

Equitable access to healthcare ensures that everyone, especially populations that historically experience challenges, can access the care they need and desire to meet their full potential for health and well-being. Resources for healthcare are outside the borders of Elmore. Knowledge of resources and how to access them are available through 2-1-1 or Lamoille Find Help Social Services at www.findhelp.org.

Rural locations such as Elmore are served by health care facilities in neighboring towns that can assist residents with general health care needs but may not be suited for more complex acute care services that require specialized services and equipment. The nearest Hospital to Elmore is Copley Hospital located approximately 15 minutes away in the Town of Morristown. Elmore residents have access to a range of health care providers in Morristown including the Lamoille Health Partners network. The next closest hospital and healthcare service center is located approximately 45 minutes away in Barre, Vermont including the Central Vermont Medical Center.

Healthy Food Access:

Access to healthy culturally appropriate foods enhances thriving communities and supports economic development. Elmore residents access healthy foods from their own gardens, local farms, and from various sources in the village center and neighboring towns. Elmore residents without a car or mode of transportation can access grocery stores by requesting public transportation through Rural Community Transportation's (RCT) On-Demand Service. For more information visit <https://www.riderct.org/>. Local food resources include the Lamoille County Food Share (<https://www.lcfoodshare.org/>) and Meals on Wheels (<https://www.mowlc.org/>).

Substance Misuse Prevention:

Building a positive town culture that promotes healthy behaviors also reduces behaviors such as substance misuse. Town policies are an important mechanism for creating a healthy culture. Citizens, especially youth, get "messages" from what they see in their communities, thereby influencing their choices.

Mental health and substance misuse present significant challenges across communities, impacting both youth and adults. The effects of individual struggles can ripple through households, neighbors, and friends, and affect the broader community. When one person struggles, we all feel the impact. Community support is essential for achieving our health goals, and its success benefits everyone. Effective interventions are necessary at individual, relationship, organizational, community, and policy levels. Local resources related to prevention, treatment, recovery and mental health include Healthy Lamoille Valley, Lamoille County Mental Health, Lamoille Health Partners, LHP-Behavioral Health and Wellness, North Central Vermont Recovery Center and Jenna's Promise. However, we all play a role in prevention-- parents and caregivers, local and state government, faith-based institutions, organizations, businesses, adult-use substance retailers, schools, health care providers, law enforcement and the media.

Early substance use increases the likelihood of dependency and negative health outcomes later in life. When young people are exposed to community messages that normalize substance use, it can have damaging effects. Our youth are surrounded by tactics from the substance industry that encourage misuse. The more we normalize substance use in our daily lives, the more likely young people are to use substances at an earlier age. Mental health challenges, ongoing pressures, and cumulative stressors on families can lead to higher rates of misuse, impacting some families more than others.

Active Living & Active Transportation:

Bicycles are used both for transportation and recreation. Many bicyclists can be seen riding throughout Elmore and the Lamoille County region. Recreational users include local residents who seek the health benefits of the sport and visitors who come to Vermont to experience the outstanding scenery. Walking is an important part of community life and much like bicycling, actively contributes to vitality, reduces our dependence on the automobile, and provides a healthy recreational opportunity.

Elmore has many examples of recreational opportunities; for example, hiking, swimming and boating at Elmore State Park, and walking and cross-country skiing along the local VAST and Catamount trail network.

Social Inclusion, Engagement and Sense of Community:

Social well-being plays an important role in a person's health. Promoting a sense of community and public spaces for community members to gather can play a positive role in the lives of Elmore residents and visitors. The Town of Elmore can continue to promote a sense of community by enhancing community green space for all users and ages to enjoy. Continuing to promote community events such as live music by Lake Elmore, the Polar Plunge, Community Pancake Breakfast, and Fire Department BBQs, help promote social well-being among Elmore residents.

Goals

- Support a community vision for health and wellness.
- Support health equity planning in Elmore.

Policies

- The Town of Elmore supports universal school meals and Farm to School programs.
- Promote local farmers' markets and access to healthy food options.
- Promote a healthy, vibrant and socially connected community.
- Promote a healthy environment and programs/community greenspace that support physical activity.

Recommendations

- Explore strategies to increase healthy food access such as mobile markets, year-round Farmer's Markets, or food hubs.
- Make the community aware of local health, mental health and substance abuse treatment and recovery services and prevention initiatives like Healthy Lamoille Valley and others. Utilize the town website, newsletter and social media channels to promote 2-1-1 and the Lamoille Find Help webpage.
- Obtain community input regarding improvements to health and wellness infrastructure by conducting a variety of strategies such as walk audits, community surveys, community engagement events, and targeted project studies.
- Install substance-free signage in public spaces as appropriate.
- Create and maintain recreational facilities and opportunities for all community users, with special attention to the needs of handicapped, youth, elders, those with low incomes and people from a variety of ethnic groups that may not be current users.
- Consider opportunities for establishing community garden space.

CHAPTER 4: Utility and Facility Plan

Public Buildings and Public Facilities

Overview

Approximately ~~1,831 one thousand six hundred and ten~~ acres of Elmore are public lands. Figure 3 below shows existing public land in Elmore including the lake, state park, state forest and municipal lands. Additional semi-public facilities in town include the Elmore Church site, situated on 1.2 acres of land used to hold community gatherings. (See Map 6 for the location of community facilities, services and public land in Elmore.)

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| Lake Elmore School and Schoolyard | .25 acres |
| Town Clerk office building | .25 acres |
| Town Hall | .25 acres |
| Fire department building | 3.1 acres |
| <u>Town garage</u> | <u>18 acres</u> |
| Cemetery lands | <u>3.5 acres</u> |
| State park and forest | <u>1,806604.14</u> acres |

Figure 3: Public lands by acreage in Elmore.

Hospitals

The area is served by Copley Hospital in Morrisville, VT, University of Vermont Medical Center ~~Fletcher Allen Health Care~~ in Burlington, VT, Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, VT and the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center located in Lebanon, NH.

Libraries

The Morristown Centennial Library serves the area. The Stowe ~~Free~~ Library also serves the residents of Elmore with an annual \$20 usage fee for access to all library resources. Elmore residents can also use the Wolcott Library.

Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment

The Town of Elmore reconstructed its public drinking water system in 2014. As of February 20th, 2025, the water system had 14 subscribers now has 19 subscribers and services residences, the Elmore School, Store, Town Office, and Town Hall. The springhouse that supplies this water cooperative must comply with the State of Vermont Water Resources Department regulations. Elmore has only limited public drinking water supply and no central wastewater treatment facility. The existing Town water system has limited expansion capacity.

Most ~~Many~~ of Elmore's rural residential homes are served by private water systems supplied by shallow springs and wells. Some of these are gravity-fed systems that can be located on a neighbor's property or some distance from the homes they serve. These types of springs can be adversely affected by nearby development that can pose a threat to water supply by

the construction of new wells or water potability, by the installation of septic systems. All new construction will conform to state regulations in relation to water sources and water supply matters.

Sewage Disposal

Elmore has no central wastewater treatment facility. Sewage is treated in individual on-site septic systems. State regulations govern new and replacement systems ~~(i.e., perk tests and septic designs)~~. With the changes implemented in 2007, all wastewater permitting responsibilities shifted to the state level, eliminating the need for local septic permits unless towns voted to take over the permitting process.

Refuse Disposal

Refuse disposal is handled on an individual basis by residents who either make private arrangements or transport their own trash and recyclable products to a local small transfer station ~~(Morrisville and Stowe offer local stations)~~. Elmore is a voting member of the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District and complies with district rules and regulations. Burning of trash is prohibited in Elmore. It is the district's policy to try to avoid burying ~~refuse~~ in the ground by recycling and composting as much as possible.

State and federal laws govern the disposal of hazardous waste. Salvage yards ~~and the open storage of junk and vehicles~~ are regulated locally through zoning.

Public Safety

Fire Protection

Elmore has a volunteer fire department, which was formed in 1983. The Elmore Fire Department operates from a station located ~~adjacent to the town's garage, located on Beach Road~~. Elmore is a participant of the Lamoille County Mutual Aid Network for dealing with large fires. Elmore and Wolcott have a special arrangement whereby both departments respond to each other's fire calls.

The Fire Department provides the following services listed below.

- Fire suppression
- Search and rescue
- Water rescue
- Hazardous Materials (Haz Mat) protection
- Emergency management
- Fire prevention
- Education
- Auto extrication
- Vermont rural fire protection
- Carbon monoxide alarm investigations
- Home inspections for fire insurance companies
- Residential Dry-hydrant testing
- Permitting for brush burning

Police Protection

Police protection as well as 911 emergency dispatch is supplied by the Vermont State Police Department whereas traffic enforcement is provided by the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department. As a result of the Town's reliance on state police (Williston barracks and Cambridge outpost), Elmore residents face longer response times (37 minutes~~1-2 hours~~) to local crimes.

Emergency Rescue

The Morristown Rescue Squad responds to most Elmore medical emergencies. Lamoille Rescue Squad is available as a backup service. Additionally, the Vermont State Police Search and Rescue Team and the Elmore Fire Department respond to reports of missing hikers. During the winter months, the Stowe Hazardous Terrain Team responds to emergencies dealing with hazardous terrain. Elmore also has a Fast Squad.

Emergency Shelters

The Fire Station and Town Garage serve as emergency shelters for catastrophic events. - For more information view the Elmore Local Hazard Mitigation Plan at: <https://elmorevt.org/>.

Water Safety

The Vermont State Police and the Elmore Fire Department respond to boating accidents. ~~There are currently no public boats maintained locally for water rescue.~~ The Elmore Fire Department has a water rescue boat.

Recreation Facilities

Overview

Lake Elmore and the Elmore State Park Forest offers the most visible recreation opportunities to residents and visitors. Traditionally, Elmore's private lands have provided opportunities to snowmobile, ski, hike and hunt. ~~See below for a list and brief description of public and private recreation lands in Elmore.~~

Public Lands

Elmore State Park/Lake Elmore: Started in 1936 Elmore State Park including Lake Elmore is located at the north end of Lake Elmore and covers an area of 940,700 acres. Elmore State Park amenities include picnic and beach areas, hiking trails, a firetower, 45 campsites, 15 lean-tos, full restrooms and pay showers. There is a daily fee to access the State Park. Public trails are also available at Little Elmore Pond.

Putnam State Forest: Putnam State Forest is open for low-impact public recreation. No mechanized transportation is allowed, except for snow machines on designated VAST trails. Low-impact camping is allowed when obtaining prior permission from the Barre District Office of Vermont State Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Currently, there is no fee for use.

Forest Legacy Parcel: The Atlas/Forest Legacy Parcel (Wagner Woodlands Timber property) located in between Elmore State Park and Putnam State Forest, is open for low- impact public recreation. No mechanized means of transportation are allowed,

- Fishing Access: The Vermont State Department of Fish and Wildlife maintains boat and fishing access on Lake Elmore. These amenities are open to the public free of charge.

~~Town Owned Recreation Land: Several town owned properties also provide recreational opportunities for Elmore residents. These include the schoolyard and Stanley Merriam Park, open to the public after school hours, for sports activities, playground use and other low impact recreation purposes.~~

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Private Lands

Privately owned recreation land including the Catamount Trail Association and the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers depend on the use of private property to provide hiking, snowmobile, snowshoe and cross-country ski trails. Additionally, hunters, fishermen and trappers, have traditionally relied on the generosity of private landowners for the recreational use of those lands. ~~(land owner permission required).~~

~~Additional measures to protect landowners are enforced through the Vermont Recreation Use Statute; Title 12, part 9, section 203. Title 12 states that when a land owner makes their land available for public use without consideration for recreational uses, this statement shall not be misinterpreted to 1) limit property owner rights, 2) limit the ability of a land owner and recreation user to enter into an agreement for recreational uses, 3) support any claim of eminent domain, 4) create any duty of an owner to inspect their land for dangerous conditions, and 5) relieve any users from their obligation to exercise proper safety while participating in recreational activities.~~

Communication Facilities

Elmore would like to ~~continue to improve~~ expand the communications network to provide the entire town with adequate cellular coverage. ~~However, the town does have concerns over the adverse impacts of expanding the network.~~ When expanding the communication network, both public and private utility companies should follow the policies and standards within this plan.

Communication Towers

Elmore supports the enhancement of a telecommunication network when such facilities do not have significant adverse environmental, health or aesthetic impacts since one of the town's principal scenic qualities is its ridgelines and mountainsides. Elmore ridges are predominately undeveloped and provide an unbroken skyline when viewed from the valley floor and the use of the town's ridges for telecommunication towers and related facilities needs to be undertaken in a manner that will not detract nor adversely affect these scenic values.

Siting Policies for Communication Facilities

To minimize conflict with scenic values, facility design and construction shall employ the following principles listed below. The siting of communication towers is regulated under Section 248 by the Public Utility Commission (PUC). For more information visit the PUC's website at: <https://puc.vermont.gov/>.

- Encourage Communication tower applicants to exhaust all reasonable options for sharing space on existing towers and tower sites prior to proposing new sites and related facilities. Taking into consideration space available on existing towers, geographic service area requirements, mechanical or electrical incompatibilities, comparative costs of co-location and new construction.
- Where feasible, site towers/facilities in areas not highly visible to the traveling public, or from residential properties, historic district, public use, and outdoor recreation areas, including hiking trails and beaches.
- Locate towers/facilities in forested areas or sufficiently landscape to screen the lower sections of towers and related ground fixtures from public vantage points, such as trails, roads or water bodies.
- Utilize materials, architectural styles, color schemes, lighting fixtures, mass and other design elements to promote aesthetic compatibility with surrounding uses and to avoid adverse visual impacts.
- Where prominent views of a site exist, locate towers downgrade of the ridge so they don't exceed the elevation of the immediate ridge.
- When constructions of access roads are involved, minimize their visibility by situating roads along the natural contour of the land, and avoid open fields or meadows.
- Avoid peaks and ridges that function as regional focal points.
- The height of towers should not exceed that of the tree canopy in forested areas.
- No access roads (this does not include logging roads) suitable for vehicle traffic should be constructed on the Worcester Range above 1,250 feet in elevation.
- Avoid using external lights if possible and comply with local light ordinances.
- Towers, antennas, and related fixtures that fall into disuse, or are discontinued are to be removed by the facility owner immediately. The owner may be required to post bond for removal.

Facility/Service Priorities and Funding Opportunities

Water Supply and Waste Water Treatment

~~Currently, Elmore has only limited public drinking water supply and no central wastewater treatment facility.~~

~~This puts tremendous pressure on private residents and businesses to maintain individual septic systems and seek outside sources for drinking water supply. Rising numbers of individual septic systems increases the risk of both surface and groundwater pollution in the central village area and along Lake Elmore. Additionally, economic growth is limited by the lack of municipal water and sewer infrastructure. To minimize water pollution, the town of Elmore should consider water and sewer updates for lake front developments as well as existing homes. Implementing municipal water systems and waste treatment facilities can be a costly procedure. However, there are funding opportunities available to construct and update these systems.~~

Funding opportunities for water and waste disposal systems are available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development Program and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The Rural Development program offers a wide range of utility grants and loans to assist rural communities in financing utility and infrastructure improvements. The DEC offers Public Water System Construction Loans to both municipalities and nonprofit water cooperatives. For more information on these funding opportunities visit www.rurdev.usda.gov and www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/.

Additionally, for towns in the preliminary stages of water and sewer updates, DEC offers a Planning Advance for decentralized wastewater feasibility studies. For more information on this funding opportunity please contact Don Robisky at 802-654-8991.

Another strategy for financing water and sewage treatment systems is developing a Tax Increment Financing district (TIF). TIF districts are typically designated by a municipality to target areas in need of economic growth or public infrastructure improvements. Initial improvements are commonly financed through federal or state bonds, grants and loans. Financial debt acquired during the construction and implementation process is repaid by property tax revenue generated from the targeted infrastructure or facility improvement. Examples of towns in Vermont that have successfully implemented TIF districts to fund water and sewer expansions include Milton, Newport City and Winooski. To learn more about existing TIF districts in Vermont visit the Vermont Legislature's 2011-2012 Legislative Reports listing online at <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/reports/allreports.cfm?Type=Other&Session=2012>.

Recreation and Community Facilities

Given the nature of Elmore's rural character it is important to maintain and protect the town's valuable recreational resources. To assist in developing new or updating existing recreation and community facilities funding assistance is available through the Department of Buildings and General Services (DBGS) and the USDA's Rural Development Program.

DBGS offers a Recreational Facilities Grant Program to financially assist municipalities and non-profit organizations in developing recreation opportunities in Vermont communities. The USDA Community Facilities Grant Program provides a wider range of assistance to rural areas, by awarding grants to municipalities, counties and nonprofit organizations engaged in constructing, expanding or improving essential community facilities. To learn more about recreation and community facility funding opportunities visit www.bgs.vermont.gov/ and www.rurdev.usda.gov/.

Goals, Objectives, Policies and Recommendations

Goals:

- To [provide ensure](#) adequate public facilities and services are available to protect and enhance the lives of residents and visitors of Elmore.

Objectives:

- Maximize the present use [and accessibility](#) of public and semi-public buildings, facilities, and lands.

~~Ensure personal water supplies are safe and of adequate quantity.~~

- Preserve public health and prevent pollution of surface or groundwater.
- ~~Encourage~~ Ensure Elmore businesses and residents ~~to can~~ responsibly dispose of solid waste and are incentivized to reduce the amount of waste generated by increasing recycling efforts.
- ~~Decrease police response times to increase security of Elmore residents~~
- ~~Research the potential of developing public access mountain bike trails and/or dirt bike trails that would connect into neighboring trail networks to promote tourism and further interest in maintaining Elmore's forest land.~~
- Control the spread of invasive species ~~in Elmore, in the lake.~~
- To support the enhancement of a telecommunication network when such facilities do not have significant adverse environmental, health or aesthetic impacts.
- Eliminate septic waste from entering ~~waterways and water bodies in Elmore, Lake Elmore~~

Policies:

- ~~Any new water supply must meet state water supply rules including isolation distances.~~
- ~~Ensure that State regulations for wastewater disposal are followed. Conventional septic fields are not permitted on slopes greater than 20%.~~
- Provide access for adequate removal of solid waste.
- ~~Backyard burning of trash is prohibited.~~
- ~~The town supports the public safety activities of the Elmore Fire Department.~~
- Comply with all State and Town regulations.
- All development should be accessible to emergency vehicles.
- Large developments, and developments in remote locations, should include fire ponds and dry hydrants to aid in fire fighting, if similar resources are not available nearby.
- ~~Elmore supports local land owners who generously keep their lands open to traditional recreational uses such as hiking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding and for VAST trails use.~~
- To minimize tower proliferation when feasible,
- In planning for telecommunication facilities, consideration shall be given to the environmental limitations of any given site. Impacts resulting from the use of wildlife habitats, forestry, agricultural lands, and similar resources should be carefully addressed. Projects that materially impact these resources shall be discouraged.
- ~~Towers, antennas, and related fixtures that fall into disuse, or are discontinued shall be removed by the facility owner to retain the values set forth above. The owner may be required to post bond for removal.~~

Recommendations:

- ~~Continue to Develop~~ a maintenance a plan and capital budget to preserve public property and equipment.
- Develop a 5 year capital budget plan to preserve public property and equipment.
- ~~Zoning and subdivision regulations should require the identification of existing and proposed water supply locations to ensure water quality is protected.~~
- ~~Evaluate how the introduction of new "alternative" wastewater treatment systems may impact future land use and development patterns in Elmore.~~

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- ~~Consider having a decentralized wastewater feasibility study conducted for Lake Elmore and Elmore Village properties~~

~~Consider options to improve water rescues including budgeting for the purchase of a rescue boat, portable defibrillator or other life saving equipment to aid the Elmore Fire Department in rescue operations on Lake Elmore.~~

- ~~Monitor~~ Discuss the need for increased local police protection.
- ~~Review alternatives to create a legal right of way to provide access to Little Elmore, if one does not exist.~~
- Meet annually with the Lake Elmore Association for sharing information and to address concerns if they arise.
- Support the Lake Elmore Association to control the spread of invasive species including Eurasian Milfoil.
- ~~Continue to seek grants to maintain~~ Explore potential free or discounted access to the Lake Elmore beach ~~for Town~~ for Town residents.
- ~~Talk with relevant property owners and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to consider requesting that the State renew its former lease to allow fishing access on Little Elmore.~~

CHAPTER 5: Historical & Archaeological Resources

In 1983 a survey of the town by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation identified 37 buildings as well as three districts in Elmore as historically significant. These districts consist of the Lake Elmore Historic District, the Lake Elmore East Historic Camp District, and the Lake Elmore West Historic Camp District. Examples of the native Vermont architecture identified as historically significant include the Town Hall, the one-room schoolhouse, the church and the Elmore Store. The town also contains and values the remains of the once-thriving village of East Elmore.

In 1986 a National Park Service Study of archeologically significant riparian areas was conducted as a part of the Vermont Rivers Study. Findings concluded that Elmore Pond Brook, from Lake Elmore to the Wolcott town line, has an expected moderate-to-high archeological sensitivity. The rating does not necessarily indicate that any archeologically significant resources have been located in the area; it only denotes that the topography, sun exposure, availability of food and other important natural resources exist in the right combination to support the findings.

In September 1995 the Elmore Fire tower (which was used to monitor for fire activity from 1938 until 1974) was designated a National Historic Lookout and is currently owned by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

In September 1996 The Elmore Historical Society was formed to record, preserve, and collect all available information about the hamlets and people of Elmore. Since then an extensive narrative and photographic history of the town has been made available to the public via the Elmore website's: <https://elmorevt.org/historical-society/>.

Presently, none of the structures or districts have been placed on the National Registry of Historic Structures but the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation placed all three districts on the State Register of Historic Places. See Map 7 [for Historic Districts](#).

Goals, Objectives, Policies and Recommendations

Goals:

- To record, identify and preserve Elmore's heritage (town history, archeological records & resources, and structures & districts of historical value) for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Objectives:

- Encourage the Elmore Historical Society to host events and workshops to educate the public on the importance of preserving archeological sites
- Any future findings as well as currently known documented archaeological resources should be preserved and protected from development activities.

Policies:

- Grant applications intended to augment Elmore's historical record and preserve historical sites and artifacts in town are supported.
- Elmore encourages the restoration and re-use of historic buildings.
- If during the development of a parcel an archeological site is discovered, the town asks that the developer contact the state archeologist to provide a reasonable opportunity to investigate and suggest a means to mitigate the impact.
- Projects occurring in the archeologically sensitive area around Elmore Pond Brook are to consider the potential impact of their project on archeological sites during the early stages of development in order to mitigate potential impacts.

Recommendations:

- The Elmore Historical Society should work with the town and state Division for Historic Preservation to identify a secure and safe place for the long-term storage of items intended for preservation as well as research avenues and sources of funding for historic preservation projects in town.
- The Elmore Historical Society should continue to identify and preserve Elmore's historic resources as well as compile a comprehensive listing of historical areas archeological sites and structures in town.
- The zoning bylaws should continue to recognize the historic significance of the Elmore Village District as well as the importance of preserving and current or future archeological sites.