

MEETING OF THE ELMORE PLANING COMMISSION

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 5:30 pm

At Elmore Town Offices, 1175 VT-12, Elmore, VT

Agenda Status: Draft

**Planning Commission Members: Dawn Angney-Kress, Nancy Davis,
Michelle Greeson, Bruce Olsson, Glenn Schwartz, Shorty Towne (alternate)**

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CALL TO ORDER est. 5:30 pm:

Review additions or deletions to the agenda

Conflict of Interest review for agenda items

Vote for approval of previous meeting's minutes - November 20, 2025

Discuss Chapter 12 - Implementation

Review Town Plan Maps

Potential questions pertaining to Town Plan Chapters 1-11

VLCT Webinar - Where & How Act 250 Will Expand

CHAPTER 12: Implementation Plan of Recommendations

The following list of goals which have been taken from all of the different chapters of this plan are designed to guide growth in the Town of Elmore in a manner which will achieve its overarching goals and community vision statement listed in Chapter 1 of this plan. These goals address strategies to maintain and protect the town's rural character, scenic beauty, historic resources, productive working landscapes, and the quality of natural habitats and water resources. Greater detail of the goals and recommendations are provided within each individual chapter.

Commented [MR25]: The goals in red are those that were modified in other chapters and transferred to this chapter.

In order to achieve these goals, the Planning Commission will work with the residents of Elmore and the various governing bodies in Elmore and surrounding communities to determine which goals will be set at the highest priority. Once the higher priority goals have been identified, time and resources will be allocated in order to achieve the goals.

Forestland

Goal:

- Retain, conserve, and protect the existing forest; improve the ecology of the forest.
- ~~- Maintain and support current low impact public and private recreational land use.~~

Water Resources

Goal:

- To control the spread of invasive nuisance aquatic plants and animals in Lake Elmore and other bodies of water.
- ~~- To maintain the existence of the lake through the dam with the goal being to research ownership and long-term maintenance of the dam.~~

Agriculture

Goal:

- To improve and expand the use of existing agricultural lands.

Residences

Goal:

- To encourage responsible residential development where appropriate.

Commercial

Goal:

- To encourage development in areas where the town economically and environmentally can afford it, (i.e. in areas which have access to Class 1, 2, and 3 roads, have power, have suitable soils, and do not have excessive slopes). To encourage commercial development which will maintain the rural character of Elmore.

Industrial

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Goal:

- To allow industrial development which preserves the environment and rural character of Elmore

Floodplains and Wetlands

Goal:

- To protect the safety of residents from flood and erosion hazards, and to maintain water quality.

Transportation

Goals:

- To support a transportation network that is efficient, safe, resilient and well maintained for all forms of transportation and is accessible to people of all abilities.
- To work toward a transportation network that does not adversely affect water quality and limits habitat fragmentation.
- To encourage a reduction in the amount of energy used in transportation by Elmore's residents and visitors.

Utility and Facility Plan

Goal:

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

Historical & Archaeological Resources

Goal:

- To continue 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.
- Reinstate the Elmore Historical Society.

Education Plan

Goals:

- To continue Elmore's history of providing access to high quality education to all children without placing an undue burden on taxpayers.
- To maintain a strong and active school board with participation from the community to guide them.

Economic Development Plan

Goals:

- Explore options in the renewable energy industry that would add new industry to Elmore.

- ~~Encourage Manage~~ growth and economic development in order to attract and welcome visitors, new residents, and businesses with opportunities while preserving the rural scenic character.

Energy Plan

Goals:

- Support the use of alternative fuels and electric vehicles to the residents and businesses of Elmore.
- Expand infrastructure for electric vehicles including installing local charging stations.
- Research the feasibility of rideshare, bus, or any other form of mass transit.
- Encourage sharing space on delivery vehicles in order to reduce the energy used for the transportation of goods and services (For Example: i.e. food, firewood, landscapers, plumbers).
- Incorporate renewable energy principles into the plan.
- Support and promote the organization of community workshops and distribute information on home and business weatherization and energy efficiency incentives.
- Encourage the creation of an Elmore Energy Committee.
- Encourage the use of the town website as a community forum and information resource.

Housing Element

Goal:

- Encourage the planning of housing which preserves the rural character of Elmore, conserves energy, provides for efficient delivery of public services, minimizes the impact on forestry and wildlife, all while accommodating a variety of income levels, ages, and housing preferences.

Flood Resilience

- Reduce and avoid long-term vulnerabilities identified in Elmore's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Continue to engage in ongoing County and State emergency preparedness activities.
- Continue to invest in flood mitigation projects.

Health and Wellness

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

Commented [MR26]: Do we want to add a potential funding options section to this Implementation Plan? Many Municipal Plans list/note potential funding resources/grants for implementing recommendations in the Town Plan.