

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT.
MEETING OF THE ELMORE SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES PREPARED BY SHARON FORTUNE
STATUS-Approved August 12, 2026

Meeting Date- July 15, 2026

Meeting Start Time-6:01 pm. Meeting End Time-8:00 pm.

Attendees- See attached sheets

AGENDA:

Call to Order- Chairman Schwartz. Meeting minutes from June 10 & July 2 approved with edits

Motion by Fortune, seconded by Braun, Motion passed unanimously

Review additions /deletions to today's agenda- Report on Labor Day Fireworks- Braun
No Conflicts of interest for agenda items

1.SPECIAL TOPICS

a.Discussion- Review end of year Cost Statement - Draper (See attached report)

b.Discussion- Public hearing to solicit public comments regarding the draft 2026-2034 Town Plan-

Megan Rodier from LCPC presented the process used for creation of the Town Plan, which has been in development for at least a year and a half.

Community Members asked questions regarding Chapter 8, the Energy portion of the Plan.

Several questions were asked regarding the development of commercial wind and solar energy fields versus private citizen development and installation of such alternative energy sources. Bruce Olsson, Planning Commission Chairperson for development of the Town Plan, responded to questions. Nancy Davis, Planning Commission Member, read from the plan regarding the portion of the Plan which details Areas Unsuitable for Renewable Energy Development.

Motion to adopt the Elmore Town Plan 2026-2034 by Fortune, Seconded by Braun, Motion Passed Unanimously.

c. Discussion-Formation of Elmore Capital Advisory Board-

As a recommendation of the Advisory Board for Capital Equipment, we are forming a Capital Advisory board and are looking for volunteers. First meeting will be in September.

d. Discussion- Changes to Vermont's forest fire laws resulting from the enactment of ACT 162 of 2026.

To ensure compliance with the new law, municipalities should:

*Review Act 162 with the Selectboard and fire department leadership. Chief Adam Audet has been notified.

*Confirm the individual serving as the town forest fire warden under the revised statute. This is Adam Audet.

*Ensure that Forests, Parks and Recreation has current contact information for the town forest fire warden and any deputy town forest fire wardens designated by the fire chief.

*Ensure recordkeeping practices support wildfire reporting and reimbursement requirements.

e. Discussion- Approving the Local Emergency Management Plan-Act 162 passed recently. To be reviewed with Fire Department officers and SB members. Forest Warden is Adam Audet. Current Contact information needs to be sent to State. Permits to be provided via web site.

f. Discussion- Class 4 road Policy modification- T. Braun reviewed the current policy- Class 4 Highway work should be submitted to SB for approval. Delegate the authority of approving work to the highway commissioner. No action taken. Discussion to continue at next SB meeting.

G. Discussion- 2026 Stormwater Inspection Report- Inspection and reporting. Cross Consulting Inspection on April 28 revealed that additional impervious surfaces were observed that were not originally designed and/or permitted with the state stormwater operational permit. Specifically, a gravel drive leading to a large gravel stockpiling area has been added north of the permitted site. (See Attached)

H. At the DRB meeting 7/8/26 Paul Rouselle was nominated to a 3 year term on Elmore DRB. Schwartz moved to appoint Paul Rouselle to said term. Motion seconded by Fortune, Passed unanimously.

2. ACTIVE ITEMS

A. Update-reviewed Action Item from list submitted by Schwartz (See attached)

B. Update-Hardwood Flats Road Logging Project update (See attached email from Richard Carbonetti ACF CF Senior Advisor LandVest Forest Resources Division)
Email information summarized by S. Fortune as follows:

Upgrading of unimproved segment of Elmore Town Highway 29:

*Work has continued to proceed involving blasting of ledge in town road right of way along with installation of water crossings and ditching. Blasting performs several functions including creating a stable roadway, replacing gravel to reduce need to truck additional 100 or more loads of gravel on town road past neighbors, blasting benefits in preparation of roadway.

*Final blasting underway this week scheduled to be completed by Thursday.

*Coordination with Dick Dyer (FP&R) for several inspections.

*Dick Dyer has been on site twice to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements.

- *Elmore Road Foreman has made several visits to site to ensure the town road improvements meet with his approval.
- * Posted Road Closed signs are up while construction and blasting are underway.
- * Road improvements to be completed across the small section of road across the wetland at foot of hill within the next week. This will conclude road improvements for now.
- *LandVest personnel have made regular inspections of the work and provided feedback and instruction to contractors.

Timber Harvesting Update:

- *Harvesting initiated on land of Wildwood Ventures , LLC about a week ago.
- *Client has received approval from Vt Land Trust that harvesting is in compliance with terms and conditions of the VLT easement.
- *Harvest amendment to forest management plan was reviewed and approved by Lamoille County Forester.
- *Harvesting to continue for several weeks or a month on Wildwood Ventures and then move to ELT, LLC. Harvesting continues through fall mud season , then is likely they will return for winter operations.
- *Anticipate maximum daily logging truck traffic to be 3-4 trucks. Some days there will be no trucks, and possibly days with more depending upon logging conditions, availability of trucks and other considerations.

C.Update-Cloud based document storage system. The 3 SB members need to meet to take next steps.

3.CONTINUING ACTION ITEMS

- A. Road Commisioner's Report- (See Attached)-Chloride purchased from the one supplier who provides product. Cost is \$6200 per load, significant increase from last year. A second load may be available. Many hours spent in office last month by Road Commissioner processing necessary paperwork. Concern expressed regarding Class 4 Roads and Trails in light of possible development of commercial sugaring operation including electricity installation.
- B. Zoning Administrator's Report- (See Attached) No new zoning applications received for single family dwellings.
- C. Discussion of Firework funding for Labor Day- Cost of fireworks display has increased. Schwartz moved town approval to expend \$3000 for firework display, as budgeted, motion seconded by Fortune, Passed Unanimously.

4.Routine, Administrative, operations items and payment approvals.

Motion to Adjourn by Fortune, seconded by Braun, Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned- at 8:00 pm

5. Executive Session- Motion to enter executive session by Fortune @ 8:00 pm.
Seconded by Braun. Entered into executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter.
Executive session ended 8:07 pm. No action taken.

Minutes Respectfully Created and Submitted by

Shaorn Fortune