

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Meeting of the Elmore Select Board

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Minutes: Status-Approved as Edited 9/9/26

ESB Members: Glenn Schwartz (Chair), Sharon Fortune (Clerk), Trevor Braun, Michel Lacasse (Elmore Road Commissioner)

Meeting was held at the Elmore Town Office and by Zoom.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman

- Review/approve previous meeting's minutes-July 15- Motion to approve Schwartz, seconded fortune, approved unanimously
- Reviewed additions or deletions to today's agenda-None
- Conflict of Interest for agenda items-None

1. SPECIAL TOPICS -Note: Topic will be addressed for time noted with follow-up as needed and noted by the SB.

- DISCUSSION:** LCPC Update- Postponed to September meeting due to illness of Tasha Wallis
- DISCUSSION:** Dog Complaint -Gail Brum complainant and Samantha Cook, alleged owner of noisy dog attended meeting. Complainant alleged dog barking issue has been problematic for past 5 years. Alleged offender of dog stated her dog is not barking in early morning hours. Both parties received written invitation to August 12 meeting. Issue unresolved at August 12 SB meeting and has been forwarded to next level of complaint procedure, with a meeting scheduled for Monday, August 17, 10am.
- DISCUSSION:** Elmore Town Hall and Office Window cleaning- Betsy Perez volunteered herself and Dave Desussi to wash windows.
- DISCUSSION:** EPC Recommendation for open positions -Nancy Davis of EPC stated that 4 candidates had come forward to be considered for the 2 open positions on the Elmore Planning Commission. She stated that all 4 were great candidates with 3 submitting written letters of application outlining their background and interest in joining EPC. SB members have reviewed minutes of 4 candidate interview session and also viewed the You Tube video copy of the meeting. Michelle Greeson of EPC called into the August 12 SB meeting via zoom to confirm what Nancy reported. EPC recommends Betsy Perez and Brian Evans-Mongeon to be named by Selectboard for the 2 open positions on EPC. SB will discuss and decide on recommendation of EPC members in Executive Session at end of SB meeting , August 12.

2. ACTIVE ITEMS

- UPDATE:** Review Action Item List – 3 items on list remaining- (See attached)
Braun working on securing contractor to replace ramp on Town Hall-May need to pursue replacement of ramp @ Town Clerk Office also.
No news on Old Town Garage demolition.
Enhancement Reparation Buffer Grant- high priority. Emily Porter Goff is contact person C Burnham is working with to continue this grant funding.
Nancy Davis working on Community organizations Appropriations Request. Schwartz requested the most recent document be sent to him in a Word format.
- UPDATE:** Hardwood Flats Road Logging -S. Fortune highlighted 8/10 email received from Richard Carbonetti regarding progress/status of Hardwood Flats Road and harvesting (See attached full email)
*all road work intended for this summer on town right-of-way has been completed
*roadway has been constructed using required VT AMP and wetland requirements

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- *onsite blasting created rip-rap material and gravel has replaced the need to truck addition large loads of gravel
- *blasting enabled installation of ditches and drainage structures
- *blasting environment benefits in preparing a roadway that will be stable
- *with completion of road past wetland all blasting is completed
- *continued coordination with Dick Dyer (FP&R)
- *Elmore road foreman has made several additional visits to site to ensure town road improvements meet with his approval
- *continue to have members of public visiting and commenting on the project
- *harvesting continues on land of Wildwood Ventures, LLC and has been initiated on the land of ELT, LLC
- *harvesting to continue on Wildwood Ventures and ELT LLC likely to continue through fall until fall mud season prevents operation without damage. Then winter operations will return.
- *anticipate maximum weekly logging truck traffic to be 5-10 trucks. Days without truck and possibly days with more depending on logging conditions, availability and other considerations.

- c. **UPDATE:** Formation of Elmore Capital Advisory Board -Schwartz listed members to include himself, Warren West, Randy Tomlin (chair), Brian Evans Mongeon, Sharon Draper, Steve Nutting, Nancy Davis
- d. **UPDATE:** Approve Class 4 Road Policy modification – T Braun reported major change on Section 4 Maintenance requiring SB approval or approval of Highway Commissioner. Written requests must be submitted to SB. SB to be mindful of zoning By-Laws and consider those in decision making.
- e. **UPDATE:** 2026 Stormwater Inspection Report- G. Schwartz reported that more space is needed for stone storage. Cross never did a study of wetland identification. DeWolf will give town a written proposal.

3. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS

- a. **UPDATE:** Road Commissioner's Report (See attached)- M. LaCasse reported that Beach Rd has been cleaned up. Culvert project on Elmore Mt. Rd was completed. New road sign @ Sterling View, FEMA work finished on Earl Gray Rd. Rt 12 progress on Box Culvert installation moving along well
- b. **UPDATE:** Zoning Administrator's Report (see attached) C. Burnham continues working with Emily Porter Goff to pursue grant funding for site of old town garage

4. NON-AGENDA/OTHER ITEMS-Community Open Forum – T Braun reports that a date in October to be established as a public event- provide conversation opportunity for community members in less structured format than SB meetings. Stowe benefactor has donated a generator for use @ Store. To be discussed and voted on at next SB meeting

- a. Routine Administrative, operations items and payment approvals.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to enter Executive session @ 7:14 pm by Braun,, seconded by Schwartz, Vote unanimous. Exited executive session @ 7:29 pm with following motions made:

- *Adjust pay of Town Road Crew and Town Clerk to amounts voted in budget @ March Town Meeting- with those sum adjustments to begin October 1, 2026. Motion by Braun, seconded by Fortune, Vote unanimous.
- *Motion to appoint Betsy Perez and Brian Evans Mongeon to Elmore Planning Commission by Schwartz, seconded by Fortune, Vote Unanimous.
- *Request to adjust retirement package for town employees to move from Group A to Group B . The town of Elmore presently participates in VMERS group A for its qualified employees. The town of Elmore elects to offer the higher group B effective October 1, 2026. Any existing employee, at the date of this approval, will be administered an election by the VMERS office to remain in their present group A or transfer to the higher group B effective

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October 1, 2026. Any newly hired employees ,after this approval date, will not be given this election and will automatically transfer to Group B effective October 1, 2026.

Increased cost of \$2,197 would come from Road budget. Motion to approve request by Braun, seconded by Schwartz , Vote unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn By Schwartz, seconded Fortune, unanimous approval to adjourn Meeting @ 7:34.

Next meeting: September 9, 2026 @ 6:00pm. Requests to be on the SB agenda must be received by the Chair before the last Friday of the preceding month.

Meeting minutes Respectfully Created and Submitted by

Sharon Fortune