

Elmore Planning Commission Meeting
April 27, 2016

Present: Kate Sprague, Phil Dudley, Colin Reynolds, Whit Hartt, Jen Andrews.

Ongoing Business:

Flood Hazard Regulations:

EPC reviewed last months meeting which included presentations by members from the Vermont Rivers Project and LCPC. It was decided that the regulation have been finished and a plan was made to hold a public hearing on regulations at the May 25th EPC meeting. Kate will contact the News and Citizen and post notices at the ETO, the store and town hall. Colin will contact Meghan Rodier (LCPC) and get the final copy of regs.

Subdivision Regulation:

It was decided that a public hearing for the revised subdivision regulations would be held on the same date, May 25th. And will be included in notices.

Hazard Mitigation Plan:

It was decided that Elmore would not apply for a planning development grant to update the hazard mitigation plan at this time. The EPC however decided to locate the existing plan, read it, and discuss making changes to it without the use of the grant. Whit will make copies.

New Business:

Select Board Requests:

Whit shared the select boards request that the EPC submit a monthly report, as well as send a representative to quarterly select board meetings. It was decided that a copy of the minutes would be submitted as the report.

Energy Future:

EPC began a discussion of Elmore's energy future. Which included strengthening the energy section of the town plan, the possible actions that can be taken to maintain local control over large scale energy projects, as well as the connection between this issue and the preservation of prime agricultural land. It was decided that the best course of action at this time is to educate ourselves on this broad and complicated topic and return next month with an outline of possible avenues to explore. Whit volunteered to talk to the select board about any work they may have done pertaining to this.