

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by C. DeVore
Status: APPROVED

Meeting Date: August 10, 2016

Start Time: 6:32 pm **Adjourn:** 7:45 pm

Meeting Attendees: Robert Burley – ESB Chairman, Caroline DeVore – ESB, Robb Wills – ESB,
Michel LaCasse – Road Commissioner

Special Attendees (all residents unless otherwise noted): Kent Shaw

A. SPECIAL TOPICS:

1. **BEACH ROAD PAVING STATUS:** Full remediation completed August 4.
 - a. Repaved, including 5' transitions to affected drives. Pike charge below market; \$25K. Town did shoulders, ditches & culverts.
 - b. Additional Town costs for rip up, ditching, shoulders should not exceed \$10K. Total COSTS will not exceed authorized amounts.
 - c. Investigation of causes completed. Involved town employee has been relieved of position.

B. NEW ITEMS:

1. **WATER QUALITY:** ANR & EPA stringent water quality regulations for all farms, roads, land, dwellings & drives begins phase-in 1July16. Expect significant cost and fee increases to Towns, Businesses & Residents
 - a. Public Comment period underway: See ANR website. **MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD.**
2. **ROAD GRADER:** Both engine and hydraulic systems failing & making metal. Significant operational capability reductions. Acquisition of replacement grader will be accelerated from planned FY18 into FY17.
3. **TRUCK #2:** Assigned to Cookson, out of service for 3.25 weeks due to lack of basic maintenance and lubrication. Replacement parts ordered.

Expect truck to be back in service with limited capabilities week of August 16. \$1,100 in parts ordered that will be needed before truck can be used for winter season work (sanding, plowing).
4. **AGGRESSIVE DOG:** Repeat issue, Hayford Rd. Animal Control Officer suggested fencing & leashing. Owners agreed. Continue monitoring.

During SB meeting additional background provided by Mr. Shaw (adjacent land owner): Over 2 year period, multiple instances of dogs being on public ROW and multiple times on nearby private property. Repeated defecation on neighboring private property and repeated instances of aggressive behavior. Dog issues, including defecation, have been captured on video.

Emails exchanged between adjoining land owners and dog owners - animal control is also involved. Owners responded that the dogs don't travel the neighborhood but multiple neighbors have reported issues. Dog owners have installed a linear fence, not an enclosure. Fence may encroach on adjacent property line. SB will make a field visit to evaluate situation. Dog owners will be advised by SB and Animal Control to immediately remedy the situation. Follow-up in progress – if dog owners cannot contain their dogs, SB will take further steps.

5. **ROGUE PIG:** Free Ranging Domestic pig reported in Eagle Ledge Area. Several early sightings, but none recent.
6. **STUART WEPPLER:** Submitted resignation letter as Zoning Administrator and Health Officer effective in 6 months. Job description will be created for position.

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7. **LAND TRANSFER:** At request of E. B. Hyde attorney, ESB will complete Warranty Deed transfer of town owned Glebe lands to VLT to consolidate & preserve Worcester range as approved **13Aug14.**

Elmore must issue a quit claim deed to clear the cloud on the title and allow transfer to the Vermont Land Trust.

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS:

1. Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse

Work Completed:

- Grading and fixing storm damage.
- July 18, and 23 very heavy rains and wind. Some road damage, lots of trees down especially Saturday 7/23.
- Road side mowed.
- Beach Road complete, paving completed by Pike on August 4th.

Equipment status:

- Truck #2 at HP Fairfield being serviced. Plow and sanding equipment.

Employee Status:

- Wayne Tallman filling in on crew as needed.

Upcoming:

- Finish summer projects.
- Grader - will continue using until it needs to be replaced.

D. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS:

1. Open Action Item List reviewed by SB.

E. SB VOTED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered Executive 7:22pm

Minutes not taken during session.

Executive Session ended at 7:45pm.
