

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by C. DeVore
Status: APPROVED

Meeting Date: January 11, 2017

Start Time: 6:27 pm **Adjourn:** 7:31 pm

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

A. SPECIAL TOPICS:

1. No agenda items.

B. NEW ITEMS:

1. **UPDATE:** Zoning Admin/Health Officer transition underway. Kristin Howell, new ZA/HO, will work closely with Stuart Wepler.
 - a. Plan for regular office hours at TCO.
 - b. Health Officer appointment form sent to State for Approval.
2. **APPROVAL:** Approve updated Flood Hazard/River Corridor Plan.
SB unanimously approved.
3. **UPDATE:** Annual ADA Compliance Status Report completed. Fed/State reporting requirement.
4. **UPDATE:** Annual Complete Streets Compliance Report completed. Fed/State reporting requirement.
5. **UPDATE:** Elmore Hazard Mitigation Plan revision commenced. Many changes and updates needed. FEMA requirement to access FEMA funds.
6. **DECISION:** Select Elmore Rep to VLCT By-Law change meeting 15Feb17 at 1:30pm.
7. **APPROVE:** EPC Candidates.
Letters of interest were received from two candidates; Chris Jolly and Kevin Burke. The SB was delighted to approved their appointment to the Elmore Planning Committee. Welcome Chris and Kevin!

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS:

1. Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse

Work Completed:

- Completed the 5th icing event of the season. These events have had a significant impact on the town's sand pile. Sand supply has been depleted to levels that would normally be seen in March. 40% of sand reserves remain. Adjacent towns (Stowe, Morrisville) have completed depleted their sand reserves and are purchasing and trucking in new loads.
- Lot of plowing and sanding many times two and three times a day.
- Worked every Holiday. First weekend off January 8 and 9 since November 21st. 45 days on the road.
- High winds on 1/10. Six large trees across EMR all cleared by road crew.

Equipment status:

- Truck #1 had plow and wing repair.

Employee Status:

- All is well.

Upcoming Issues:

- Updating inventory maps.

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2. **CONTINUING:** EPC and ESB collecting data on Energy Siting addendum for Town Plan and Zoning. Required for PSB hearing standing.
 - Bennington Town Plan, first with State approval with enhanced energy plan as model.
3. **UPDATE: AGGRESSIVE DOG: Hayford Rd.**

Caroline emailed updates to the Elmore's animal control officer (Ken Haggett) and the residents of Hayford Road who brought the issue forward. SB to be notified if continued issues arise.
4. **UPDATE: Meeting with MWL to discuss divestiture of Lake Elmore Dam. Dam primary purpose is to manage seasonal fluctuations (top 3 feet only) to benefit properties. Majority lake volume, below base.**
 - FERC & ANR regulations place MWL & Lake Elmore in limbo. Lake Elmore has never had hydroelectric capability yet is included in FERC (Federal Energy Commission) perimeter. ANR/DEC insists that Lake outflow is critical to Lamoille flows AND hydro. Outflows have never been managed for hydro production following only natural fluctuations except for 3 week Sept draw down which benefits property owners and may help Lamoille during low flow period.
 - Lake Association Initial response is DECLINE.

E. SB EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session
