

June Meeting Minutes: 6/24/2019 at 6pm at Elmore Town Office

In attendance:

Kate Sprague
Bruce Olsson
Glenn Schwartz
Michelle Greeson
Hans de Boer
Don Valentine

Zoning Bylaws Update:

Kate and Seth went to the DRB meeting and went over all the revisions that has been done over the past year with Seth and the EPC. Almost all the revisions were agreed upon other than the zoning density provision. There is a lot of issues with clarifying what is lot minimum size, how to clarify cluster housing and avoid discouraging growth because the lot size is too big. There still needs to be discussion to finalize the conservation subdivision bylaws.

There were also certain provisions written into the bylaws that included "orientation of front door", "amount of windows facing the road", etc... that were written in specifically to prevent a Dollar General from building in our area. The discussion was centered around other ways to prevent a Dollar General situation while still allowing for freedom in construction for people building their houses.

Seth will join us at our next meeting with a rough draft for the EPC to review.

Update on 5k race planning:

For sponsorship and schwag, the idea was proposed to have sponsors provide prizes: either small items for all participants or a more significant gift that will be raffled off at the race.

There is also the issue that we need to spend the \$250 grant that the EPC received from 3-4-50 prior to June 30, 2019. Discussion for how to spend the money in the next week.

The registration program should not cost anything for all the entrants that will get free registration. The registration cost of \$25 is reasonable.

Cole (who is the point of contact with the Rise VT grant) is helping with the race in addition to the grant. He has access to help provide advertisement for the race. Also, the new director of Copley Hospital will be brought into the discussion of getting people involved. There has been an initiative for a "couch to 5k" program and the Elmore 5k could be the final step.

For sponsors, it would be great to get a lot of local sponsorships. Also, it would be great to get a lot of small prizes to provide for the raffle. Everyone will provide some ideas for local businesses to ask and will create a list to follow. For all the sponsors, the idea would be to create a banner with all the sponsors and some other ideas of promoting the sponsors.

Discussion revolved around local refreshments for the race. Local granola bars and possibly water as well. The decision is that the EPC will spend \$50 on water and there will be effort put into getting Garuka bars to provide custom labels and bars at a discount. Hans will look into this.

Volunteer ideas: someone to assist in timing. Hand out prizes. Hand out refreshments.

Timing is a discussion. Hiring a company for chip timing; it may be too late. Regardless of whether or not it was too late, bibs need to be arranged soon. Bruce will look into chip timing companies.

The name will be "Elmore 5k Run/Walk 2019". Warren at Elmore Store has the block party the same day and there will be efforts for co-promotion.

Results of Elmore Lake Association Survey:

There were 11 responses on the Survey and it was 6 for and 5 against and there were only 2 comments. Glenn will send out the survey again.

Progress on Cell Coverage in Elmore:

No progress. There are a lot of dead ends. The proposed new tower locations for Firstnet doesn't seem to include any in the Elmore/Worcester/Wolcott area.

Community Supported Enterprises:

Program that provides help to businesses that are located in historical businesses in small towns. This would be something to think about for Elmore in the future. The person that runs this program is happy to come talk to the Select Board or EPC to discuss any potential benefits for Elmore.

Bike Trails:

Kate has discussed building mountain bike trails with a local trail builder. The person mentioned that it will be important to research what type of soils the trails will be built on because that will determine the feasibility. Also, there was little encouragement because the trail builder seems to think that organized bike trails once popular get destroyed and then become costly to maintain.

Addition of Health and Human Services to the Town Plan and Healthy Community Policy:

The Healthy Community Policy will be added to the website. For the amendment to the Town Plan, there were a few revisions from the language that was given to us by 3-4-50 folks at Healthy Lamoille Valley.org. If there are no other suggestions, then the current revision will be brought to the next Select Board meeting for approval.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 6pm at the Elmore Town Office