

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by G. Schwartz
Status: Draft

Meeting Date: April 10, 2019

Start Time: 6:01 pm **Adjourn:** 7:30 pm

Meeting Attendees: See attached sign in sheet

A. Meeting Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the March 20, 2019 Select Board Meeting were approved.

B. SPECIAL TOPICS:

1. **Action:** Appointment of Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) representative

Notes: Bob Burley and Michel Lacasse (Alternate) were approved by the Select Board.

2. **Discussion:** Vermont Local Room and Meals Tax (1%)

Notes: The Local option tax is a way for municipalities in Vermont to raise additional revenue, to help relieve the burden of local taxes.. The Town is looking into the following Tax;

Local Option Rooms Tax

9% rooms tax + 1% = 10% total tax

Although local option tax is levied by the municipality, the Department collects and administers the tax.

3. **Discussion:** Fire Truck Purchase

Notes: The Fire Department and Select Board discussed and decided to post the following language in the newspaper and Front Porch Forum to notify the voters of Elmore. The Fire Department also provided five quotes for replacing Engine 2 (copy attached)

The Elmore Select Board and Fire Department would like to notify the voters of Elmore, that a vote will be held on Tuesday April 23, 2019 to ratify and confirm Article 1 (the action taken at the March 5, 2019 to authorize the purchase and financing of a replacement fire pumper truck). The reason for this action is that the original vote on this Article was not properly warned. We encourage you to vote on April 23, 2019 to validate the vote from Town Meeting day.

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C. ACTIVE ITEMS:

1. **Discussion:** Water System – Ongoing Oversight

Notes: The water system currently has their own Board and oversight. The Select Board agreed to keep it that way. The recommendation was made to have a member of that Board attend a Select Board Meeting once a year to report on their status.

D. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS: (Update status by principle owner)

1. **UPDATE:** Road Commissioner's Report – Lacasse

Notes: See attached report

2. **UPDATE:** Planning Commission – Schwartz

Notes: The Planning Commission met on March 21, 2019. Minutes of that meeting are available on the Elmore Website. The following items were discussed;

- Village Center Designation

Notes: The proposed Village Center Designation should be approved in Montpelier on April 22, 2019. Bruce Olsson, representing the Elmore Planning Commission, will attend the meeting. The Village Center Designation will help further many of the community goals by gaining access to tax credits and grants.

- EV Charging Station

Notes: Bruce Olsson, representing the Elmore Planning Commission, presented a proposal for Elmore to install an electric vehicle charging station. He stated that the State of Vermont has \$2 million in grant money for this project statewide. A required 10% match for municipalities could be achieved with a labor contribution. A level 2 charging station cost approximately \$20,000.00. Mr. Olsson stated that this would be good for the community, an attraction for tourists visiting Elmore, and that the amount of electric vehicles will continue to grow. The Select Board requested that the Planning Commission do additional research and report back to the Select Board since the grant requires a resolution of support by the SB.

- Elmore 5k Race on Labor Day Weekend

Notes: Bruce Olsson representing the Elmore Planning Commission presented a proposal for Elmore to host a 5k race on Labor Day Weekend. The event would be a good community event and add to the fireworks and other events held that day. The Select Board requested that the Planning Commission investigate the logistics and cost and report back to the Select Board.

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3. **UPDATE:** Development Review Board – DeVore

Notes: The Development Review Board met on April 4, 2019. Minutes of that meeting are available on the Elmore Website.

E. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS: (Update status)

1. Review Action Item List

Notes: The action list was reviewed at this meeting

E. NON AGENDA/OTHER ITEMS: (Time Available)

1. Routine Administrative, Operations items and payment approvals.

F. EXECUTIVE OR DELIBERATIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

Road Commissioner Report April 10, 2019

This report covers March 21 thru April 10, 2019.

Work Completed in Progress:

1. Plowed over two feet or snow.
2. Wingback snow as far off road possible to let roads to dry out.
3. Mud season in full swing. In good shape in most part. Some culverts have dropped very fast. couple with issues, half of our stock piles used up.

Equipment:

1. Wings off trucks and grader.

Employee:

1. All is Well.

Upcoming Issues:

1. 2019 Town Road and Bridge standards, still in draft form, comment period until April 26, many communities not in favor as written.
2. Working on a state grant to hire engineer to plan, design and be person in charge for Ice house box culvert.(Bridge).
3. Looking at road side mowing options rental, ownership, partnership with other towns.
4. Town Garage list of needs growing. We have structural issues, front wall is bowed out, moved out about 4". Concrete floor has 3x4 hole where truck #1 went thru.
5. Highway dept new Green up Day coordinators. Pick up bags at Town Clerk's Office or at Town Garage

Michel Lacasse
Road Commissioner

Elmore Fire Department
Quotes for replacing Engine 2

As of April 10, 2019

E-One: \$361,955 (\$9,000 discount if paid in full) \$352,955

Price includes \$6,115 price increase for next week.

Larry Dingee: \$354,023 (Chassis to be paid for at the time of delivery)

\$349,023 Dry Side Poly

\$339,023 Wet side Poly

Northeast Fire Apparatus (US Tanker): \$362,456

Lakes Region Fire Apparatus (HME): \$379,000

Minuteman Trucks (Pierce): \$422,636

Prepayment discounts would be available for this truck, they would likely be in the 10-15,000 range