

ELMORE PLANNING COMMISSION

Attendance:

EPC Members: Bruce Olsson (via zoom); Don Valentine; Glenn Schwartz; Kate Sprague; Michelle Greeson (via zoom); Hans de Boer

Guests: Brian Evans-Mongeon(Elmore broadband representative) (via zoom); Meghan Rodier (LCPC);
Melanie Riddle(LCPC)

Agenda for 11/2/2021 at 5:30pm:

- Broadband: who has to approve in order for Elmore to join another CUD?
 - o BEM had conversation with Val Davis this afternoon. CV Fiber and Lamoille Fiber (Fibernet) have had conversations and it looks like everyone agrees that Elmore would be best off by being a part of Lamoille Fiber as opposed to CV Fiber. This should be better in terms of timing and serviceability for Elmore. On the eastern side of Elmore, the customers who are served by Hardwick electric (60-70 homes), will be looking to get service through Kingdom Fiber due to the coordination between NEK fiber and Hardwick electric. All of the information that CV Fiber has gathered in regards of Elmore will be passed along to Fibernet. In order for Elmore to withdraw from the cV Fiber, it may need to be approved by the Select Board. This should allow for Elmore to get connected on a much faster timeframe than if Elmore remains with CV Fiber due to location.
 - o CUDs are starting to identify if towns are ready to offer money towards the projects.
 - o Fibernet is still working on drafting budgets whereas CV Fiber is actually looking to spend money right now, so if we join Fibernet, the need for funding assistance from the town will not be as soon.
 - o There is funding from ARPA that can be designated towards this project.
- LCPC to join the meeting for Hazard and Energy Planning discussion (**handouts**)
 - o Discussion of the Hazard Mitigation plan for the town. This was created several years ago. Caroline and Brent are the Emergency Management directors.
 - LCPC is looking to have Elmore update their plan/mitigating activities
 - Glenn Schwartz to setup a meeting with M. LaCasse and Meghan Rodier to review and update the plan.
 - o LCPC is here to discuss the creation of a mitigation plan based on the pandemic. Infectious disease is listed in the Hazard Identification/Risk Assessment Table (not directly associated with the town plan directly, but available on the town website).
 - o Elmore does not have a very high flood risk. Estimates are that there are only three households in the flood plain.
 - o Climate change hasn't been listed out on the table. Although the symptoms of climate change are listed on the table, it may be worthwhile to add that in as a big picture item.
 - o Discussion of on-going mitigation plans that were outlined in the mitigation plan. Comment made that a lot of these items are reactionary and that perhaps we need to update the plan to include some preventative measures in addition to reactionary mitigation.
 - o Some other ideas to include in the mitigating activities are:

- List of all vulnerable folks in the community to ensure everyone is doing well during an extreme event.
 - Include getting broadband to every household as a mitigating activity
 - Purchase infrastructure for town offices to be able to host meetings/information virtually
- The current plan expires July 19, 2022, so LCPC is putting the revisions on the fast track on our behalf.
- Development Concerns: letter to new/prospective Elmore property owners
 - There was no progress made in the past month. This will be a winter project to complete prior to the spring. We will keep it on the agenda for next month.
- Round Table
 - The Elmore Store will officially be changing hands by the end of the year. Check for updates on the elmorecommunitytrust.org website and also you can join their email list.

Next meeting: December 7, 2021 at 5:30pm

Meeting to be held at the Town Office as well as zoom (link below):

Join Zoom Meeting

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- Broadband: progress getting Elmore out of CV Fiber, and part of NEK and Lamoille Valley Fiber
- Continued discussion/edits of Elmore Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Development Concerns: letter to new/prospective Elmore property owners
- Round Table