

**Elmore Planning Commission Meeting**  
**January 24, 2019**  
**Elmore Town Clerk's Office 7:00pm**

**Present:** Kate Sprague, Glenn Schwartz, Bruce Olsson, Hans de Boer, Michelle Greeson

**Guests:** Seth Jensen (LCPC), Alexa Repko (LCPC), Alison Link (Healthy Lamoille Valley), Valerie Valcour, (VT Dept of Health)

Ongoing Business:

- Discussion of 3>4>50 VT program to encourage culture of health in communities with Valerie Valcour.
  - Ideas for future RiseVT grants: signage to designate trail heads, sports equipment for Elmore School, healthier food at town events, town wide “hike mountain” day.
- Discussion of “Education for Cities and Towns on Substance Abuse Prevention” with guest Alison Link from Healthy Lamoille Valley, a local substance abuse prevention organization.
  - What are the goals of the Town and how do they connect to health? Avenues for Towns to participate include amendments to Zoning bylaws, Ordinance, and language in Town Plan.
  - Does Elmore want to allow Marijuana dispensaries in the future? EPC needs more time to discuss this matter, perhaps at Town meeting.
  - EPC would like to add language/chapter regarding health to Town Plan in the future.
  - EPC would like to pursue posting no smoking/vaping signs in the grassy area by the Town Hall and the Elmore School playground.
- Zoning and Subdivision Amendments: Guest Seth Jensen (LCPC)
  - Revisit recommendations from December:
    - Section on Forest Land Protection: Alexa brought map showing Core Forest Land and Productive Forest Land. Map shows too much land in Elmore qualifies as “Productive Forest” to be reasonably protected, Alexa will remove class 3 soils and see how it looks and try to distinguish between all three soil classes.
  - Section 4.4 Open Space and Common Land: Seth shared revisions, all were accepted
  - PUD/Conservation Subdivision: Reviewed revisions from Seth, most were accepted.
    - Decisions to be made by EPC: under certain circumstances should PUDs be required; Do we want to include Density Bonuses; What percentage of PUDs shall be designated as Open Space.

- Town Plan survey: Status: finished, however due to issues with Town email accounts distribution has been delayed

#### New Business

- Electric car charging station funding update from Bruce: State is releasing new grants in February due in April. Two types of stations available, \$15,00 for type 2, \$50-60,000 for type 1. Grant requires 10% match from town which means \$1,500 cost to town for type 2. More research and discussion is needed.

Date and time of next meeting: TBA