

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by G. Schwartz
Status: Approved with comments

Meeting Date: June 1, 2021

Start Time: 6:34pm **Adjourn:** 8:00 pm

Meeting Attendees: Caroline DeVore, Robb Wills, Glenn Schwartz, Michel LaCasse, Don Valentine, and Robert Burley

Meeting Minutes Approval:

The minutes of the May 12 2021 Select Board Meetings were approved with the following comments

- Mr. Valentine expressed concerns that a letter that was presented to the Select Board was not incorporated into the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting. The Select Board explained the criteria used in the decision to incorporate or not incorporate information into the minutes. After this discussion the issue was closed.

1. SPECIAL TOPICS:

2. ACTIVE ITEMS:

- a. **UPDATE:** Elmore Highway Maintenance Facility

Notes: Mr. Burley presented the following information;

- Mr. Burley reported that the State Park may be willing to work out an agreement in a timeframe of approximately 1.0-1.5 years to secure the necessary agency & state approvals. At this time there are no known impediments to approval.
- The proposal would be presented in the form of a land exchange 20 acres for 20 acres
- The proposed site has been visited by R. Wills, R. Burley and M. Lacasse and appears to be viable for the new Elmore Highway Maintenance Facility
- The proposed area is along Route 12 in the far northeast corner of the park.
- This property has been rated in the top 5 choices but the timeframe has been a concern
- ESB reviewed and approved the land exchange proposal letter which will now be sent to VTFPR to initiate the process prior to a meeting that is setup with the State Park on June 14, 2021
- The decision to move forward with this letter and meeting was discussed. C. Devore and R. Wills voted to move forward. G. Schwartz stated that he would like to visit the site tomorrow before moving forward. A site visit was setup with M. Lacasse for June 2, 2021 with a commitment to email the board with his findings.
- Any agreement with the State Park would be contingent upon timeframe, soil conditions and evaluation by an independent Engineer

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- Another site that was in contention was also discussed. The concern over severe wind and known fluctuation water table concerns could potentially take this property out of contention.
- The Select Board will continue to pursue alternate locations as the negotiations with the State Park continue

b. **UPDATE:** 1% Local Option Tax

Notes: The State of Vermont made a mistake regarding the notices for the 1% Local Option Tax on short term rentals that was approved by the voters of Elmore. G. Schwartz notified the Vermont Department of Taxes of the error and a change has been made to their website and revised letters will be issued. The previous notice included the addition of a 1% Local Option Tax on sales and liquor, which was incorrect. The 1% Local Option Tax on short term rentals will begin on July 1 2021.

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

4. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS: (Update status by principle owner)

- a. Review Action Item List

Notes: The action list was not reviewed at this meeting

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

- a. **DISCUSSION:** Check Warrant Report

6. EXECUTIVE OR DELIBERATIVE SESSION AS NEEDED