

# TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

## Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by G. Schwartz  
Status: Approved

**Meeting Date:** July 14, 2021

**Start Time:** 6:04pm **Adjourn:** 7:35 pm

**Meeting Attendees:** See attached attendance list

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### **Meeting Minutes Approval:**

The minutes of the June 09, 2021 Select Board Meetings were approved

#### **1. SPECIAL TOPICS:**

- a. **DISCUSSION:** Petition for Town of Elmore separation from LSUU.

**Notes:** The Town of Elmore received the attached petition of legal voters of the Town of Elmore on July 1, 2021. Several representatives of this petition attended the meeting to ask that we bring this petition up for a vote, by the Town. The process was discussed and unlike the situation in Stowe, where they were forced into the merger, The Town of Elmore voted for the merger. The need to schedule a special public meeting within 60 days of the receipt of the petition was discussed. In addition, the possibility of just bringing Article I, was brought up by the representatives. The Select Board asked for a formal letter to bring just the first Article up for a vote. After further discussion C. DeVore agreed to check with the Town's legal counsel to see if it was legal to do that. If the answer is no, the group would start a new petition to delete Article II or proceed as written. It was stated that the Select Board has no jurisdiction over the School Board and cannot perform the tasks described in Article II.

#### **2. ACTIVE ITEMS:**

- a. **UPDATE:** Elmore Highway Maintenance Facility. Response to RFP / Engineering firms

**Notes:** The Select Board has continued to pursue potential properties. Since the last meeting the following property owners and design consultants were contacted;

- The owner of a property on Greaves Hill was contacted and the owner is not interested at this time.
- The owner of a property on Route 12 was contacted and the owner is not interested in selling
- Another Property that was previously discussed is on hold, but is open for further discussion. C. DeVore to call the owner and discuss another possible location on the same property that may have less wind. The possibility of installing a device that would measure the wind on this property was discussed.

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- R. Burley stated that he is still working on the State Park Property. The State is slow to respond this time of year, since they are so busy. Mr. Burley stated that he thought that the two issues presented by the State Park could be resolved. G. Schwartz requested that any correspondence between Mr. Burley and the State be sent to all members of the Select Board.
- As per our last Select Board Meeting G. Schwartz contacted two additional design firms (Cross Consulting & East Engineering via an RFP and received proposal from both. A summary of all the design firms was discussed. It appears that Weston and Sampson's proposal was received prior to the RFI being sent to the other firms. G. Schwartz to contact and provide them with the same information as the others. Once this process is complete the Select Board will meet with the two companies with best proposals and make an award.

The condition of the existing maintenance facility was discussed and a decision was made that it **cannot** be used this winter. The need for an action plan was also discussed and the concern of finding a temporary location and the cost for the next 2 years will be an issue. G. Schwartz suggested the use of a temporary building similar to the one currently in use be purchased to store the equipment this winter. The building could then be moved to our new location and used for storage. G. Schwartz agreed to contact building suppliers to get pricing and availability. In addition G. Schwartz will peruse demolition prices to remove the existing maintenance facility as this is where the temporary building would be placed.

**b. UPDATE:** Municipal tax rate

**Notes:** A warned meeting was held on July 7, 2021 to set the Municipal tax rate. There will be no rate increase this year.

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

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

**Notes:** See attached report

**b. DISCUSSION:** Public safety investments and requirements. Tabled to August meeting with Sheriff Marcoux.

**Notes:** Sheriff Marcoux was unable to make this meeting but was rescheduled to appear at our next Select Board Meeting. He has stated that the speed signs are ready to be picked up for the Towns use. M. Lacasse to coordinate with the Sheriff's office.

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

**a. Review Action Item List**

**Notes:** The action list was not reviewed at this meeting

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

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

**Notes:** The Check Warrant Reports that were supplied by S. Draper were reviewed and accepted by the Select Board.

- b. **DISCUSSION:** Town Water System

**Notes:** R. Burley reported that Water System Rates will not change. Water System maintains ANR's highest ratings for quality and financial stability.

### 6. EXECUTIVE OR DELIBERATIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

**Notes:** The Select Board voted to enter Executive Session at 7:35 pm  
No Minutes were taken during this session. Executive Session ended at 8:00 pm

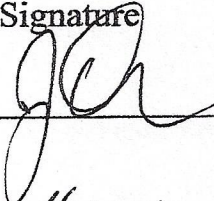
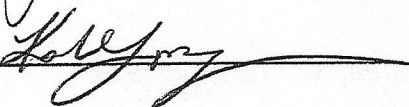
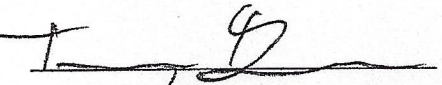
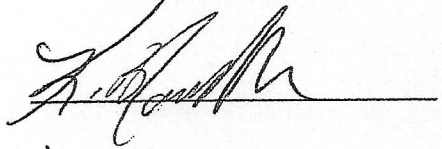
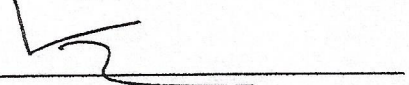

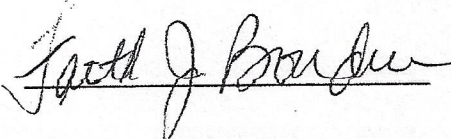


Petition of Legal Voters of the Town of Elmore, Vermont

Article I: Shall the voters of the Town of Elmore approve the withdrawal of the Town of Elmore from the Lamoille South Unified Union School District to become its own separate school district, the separation occurring no sooner than June 30, 2021?

Article II: In the event Article I is approved, shall the voters of Elmore authorize and instruct the Elmore Select board to undertake all steps necessary to do the following;

- 1) Form a Elmore Town School District to be responsible for the operation of schools and educational programs for Elmore students;
- 2) Obtain the return to the Elmore Town School District of all school buildings and property owned by the Town School District prior to merger with other districts;
- 3) Appoint five (5) town residents to an interim Town School District Board to effect the transition and return of the operation of schools and educational programs to the Town School District; and
- 4) Schedule a Town election to elect five (5) town residents to the Town School District Board with staggered terms.

Signature	Printed Name	Street or Road Address
	Jon Osborne	23 Westphal Rd.
	Kate Sprague	135 Meadow Woods Rd
	Trevor Braun	1376 Symonds Mill Rd.
	Blair Marvin	1780 Hardwood Flats Rd.
	Kate Osborne	23 Westphal Rd
	Anne Smith	131 Elmore Knolls Rd.
	Faith Boudreau	1907 VT - 12

# Road Commissioner Report

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- 1) Spent the month of June working on Gates farm road, entire length to Wolcott town line, debermed, ditched, six culverts replaced, stone lined ditches and culvert inlets and outlets. Should meet all state standards. Needs a few loads of gravel and a good grading to call it finished. Half the work is covered by a better roads grant.
- 2) Rob Moore at LCPC was a huge help in assisting highway with a historical review hang up for the grant on Ice House road.
- 3) Half of our winter sand is put up.
- 4) Graded a portion of Mt road, Bliss Hill, Earl Gray, Leahy, Brown Hill, Lacasse, Hardwood Flats and Tallman.
- 5) Working on ditch work from top of Brown Hill to Wooddbury line.
- 6) Meeting with Jim Cota district 8 and Michele Redmond, district 6. Elmore is moving back to district 6.
- 7) Truck #2 was out for service.

Michel Lacasse  
Road Commissioner