

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by G. Schwartz
Status: Approved

Meeting Date: August 11, 2021 **Start Time:** 6:00pm **Adjourn:** 8:30 pm

Meeting Attendees: See attached attendance list

Meeting Minutes Approval:

The minutes of the July 14, 2021 Select Board Meetings were approved

1. SPECIAL TOPICS:

DISCUSSION: (New) Little Library placement requested by Friends of the Morrisville Centennial Library. Placement at/on Elmore Town Hall; Constructed by Joe Ciccolo/Ryland. Request by Lucille Ste-Marie

Notes: Lucille Ste-Marie representing the Friends of the Morrisville Centennial Library presented her proposal to install a small free library outside of the Elmore Town Hall. The little library would provide access to books in the Town. The Select Board unamously approved the placement of the library in accordance with the following;

- The Town would not accept any responsibility for the library
- The library to be installed and maintained by the Friends of the Morrisville Centennial Library
- If the Friends of the Morrisville Centennial Library fail to maintain the little library it will be removed.

2. ACTIVE ITEMS:

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

Notes: The Town of Elmore received a petition of legal voters of the Town of Elmore on July 1, 2021. C. DeVore checked with the Town's legal counsel and reported that it would be legal to just bringing Article I, up for a vote. S. Draper is trying to coordinate this vote with Morrisville. This would have both the Stowe separation and Elmore petition vote on the same day. The need to schedule a special public meeting within 60 days of the receipt of the petition was discussed. The need for an informational meeting prior to the vote was also discussed.

- b. **DISCUSSION:** Public safety investments and requirements. Sheriff Marcoux to attend. Discuss speed sign installation.

Notes: R. Wills provided an update on the State Police response time that had been discussed at a previous Select Board Meeting. Based on the information provided by the State Police there were no glaring issues. Sheriff Marcoux stated the following;

- His Department is currently having labor shortages as they have lost two members recently.

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- He does not want his Department to pick and choose call coming from Elmore Residents. He thought that this would lead to confusion and may impact the response by the State Police. He would prefer that the Select Board notify them of any major issues that may occur in the Town.
- In the future, he sees the possibility of one united police department. A meeting will be held in the fall to discuss shared resources with other Towns.
- Delivering services in a different way may be the most cost effective way.
- The SB will determine and notify Sheriff Marcoux if time is to be taken away from patrols in used for other things
- The sheriff's office can provide the speed signs whenever the Town of Elmore wants them. Elmore to procure all permits for installation of signs on State Highway right of way. M. LaCasse stated that the process has started but is caught up in the transition from State District 8-0 to 6-0. This transition should be complete by mid-September.

- c. **DISCUSSION:** Appointment of CV Fiber Elmore representative. Hans de Boer provides update to SB.

Notes: Hans de Boer presented his concerns about not having anyone representing the Towns pursuit of high speed internet service. Hans stated the following;

- High Speed internet service is becoming very important as we have found out during the pandemic.
- Schools will be going remote for snow days, requiring reliable service
- When Elmore joined CV Fiber the outlook for high speed service (fiber to the premise FTTP) was expected to be 10 years it is now anticipated to be 4 years (or less) due to Federal/State money that is now available.
- The iron is hot right now, we need to take advantage of the situation. The newly approved infrastructure package in congress has a lot of money set aside for internet.
- The Town needs to prioritize the need for high speed internet service and appoint a representative
- The estimated time for this representative will be approximately 7-15 hours/ month

R. Will stated that no money is budgeted for this representative in the current budget. The possibility of getting a volunteer to represent the Town was discussed.

- d. **UPDATE:** Elmore Highway Maintenance Facility. Response to RFP and plan for existing garage demolition and temp building construction. Engineering proposal: Cross Consulting Engineers; Peter Garceau

Notes: Peter Garceau from Cross Consulting Engineers attended the meeting to review his proposal. The Select Board stated the following;

- We do not want to recreate the wheel and that designs of similar structures could potentially save time and money.
- The building is to be designed to last 50- 100 years
- The long term needs of the town will need to be addressed in the design
- The need to communicate with the public through public meeting will be a requirement
- Pictures / Renderings of the proposed structure would be useful during informational meetings

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- A possible meeting at the existing structure to show the current conditions should be held.

G. Schwartz to contact East Engineering to setup a proposal review on Thursday 8/19 @ 5:30pm. Meeting to be warned.

C. Devore to check on alternate location on previously discussed property on Route 12.

R. Wills to contact R. Burley to check on status of State Park Property.

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

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

Notes: See attached report

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

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

6. EXECUTIVE OR DELIBERATIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

Road Commissioner Report

August 11,2021

- 1) Changed out two culverts on Brown Hill road.
- 2) Ditching and stone lining on Brown Hill road.
- 3) Excavator rental returned at the end of July.
- 4) Road sides mowed. Two week rental.
- 5) Sand pile put up. 2600 yds.
- 6) Major roadways were graded once in the last 30 days.
- 7) Stock pile of stone for mud season completed.
- 8) Waiting on culverts for Beach road grant in kind project. Should be a two week project.

Michel Lacasse

Road Commissioner