

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Special Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by G. Schwartz
Status: Approved

Meeting Date: November 30, 2021

Start Time: 6:00 pm

Adjourn: 8:00 pm

Meeting Attendees: Approximately 40 people on Zoom and 38 people in person

Please refer to the meeting video posted at:

<https://elmorevt.org/assets/video/school-vote-info-meeting-2021-11-30.mp4>

1. SPECIAL TOPICS:

Information Meeting

1. Jon Gilmore the Elmore Town Moderator began the meeting by going over the rules of this meeting;
 - Petitioners will be allowed a maximum of 3 people to explain what the petition is about. Each speaker will be allowed 5 minutes or a maximum total of 15 minutes.
 - Non-Petitioners will be allowed a maximum of 3 people to explain their position. Each speaker will be allowed 5 minutes or a maximum total of 15 minutes.
 - One individual that is in favor of the LSUU withdrawal vote in Stowe will have 5 minutes to present
 - One individual that is in not in favor of the LSUU withdrawal vote in Stowe will have 5 minutes to present
 - Ryan Heraty Superintendent of the Lamoille South Unified Union School District will have 5 minutes to present
 - The total time of the information meeting will be 2 hours ending at 8:00 PM
 - The remainder of the meeting will be devoted to questions and answers – 75 minutes
 - Anyone attending the meeting in person will be required to wear a mask and social distance. Hand Sanitizer will be provided to clean hands before and after the meeting
 - Only registered voters in the Town of Elmore can ask a question. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes for their question and a response.
 - Zoom questions will be allowed only by registered voters in the Town of Elmore. All zoom questions will have to be submitted in the chat box.
 - The meeting will be recorded on Zoom
 - Sharon Draper and Jill Lindermeyr will check voter registration at the door and on zoom.
 - Caroline DeVore will monitor the chat box and present questions
 - Robb Wills will monitor the time for each speaker
 - G. Schwartz will keep the minutes of the meeting.
 - A video of the meeting will be available on the Elmore website

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2. Jon Gilmore then proceeded to read the Town of Elmore Special Meeting Official Warning;
 - The legal voters of the Town of Elmore are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Elmore Town Office, 1175 VT RTE 12, in said Town on December 7, 2021. The polls shall open at eight o'clock in the morning (8:00 a.m.), and shall close at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.), to transact the following business by Australian ballot:
 - **TOWN ARTICLES:**
 - Article 1:**
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?
 - Article 2:**
Shall the town ratify the withdrawal of the Town of Stowe from the Lamoille South Unified Union School District pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 724(b)?
3. The following petitioners presented (15 Minutes) (see meeting video for details)
 - Bruce Malcolm
 - Kacey Burakowski
 - Ann Marie Dryden
4. The following non-petitioners presented(15 Minutes) (see meeting video for details)
 - Susan Southall
 - Stuart Weppler
 - Warren West
5. Jim Brochhausen presented in favor of Stowe leaving the Union (5min) (see meeting video for details)
6. Marina Meerburg presented against Stowe Leaving the Union (5min) (see meeting video for details)
7. Ryan Heraty Superintendent of the Lamoille South Unified Union School District presented (5min) (see meeting video for details)
8. The floor was then open to questions and answers (see meeting video for details)
 - a) Joe Ciccolo who was in attendance asked a question that was responded to by Ryan Heraty
 - b) Michelle Greeson asked a question via zoom that was responded to by Ann Marie Dryden and Warren West

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- c) Sharon Fortune who was in attendance asked a question that was responded to by Ryan Heraty
 - d) Megan Jolly asked a question via zoom that was responded to by Ann Marie Dryden and Bruce Malcolm
 - e) Allen Van Anda who was in attendance asked a question that was responded to by Ryan Heraty
 - f) Colin Reynolds asked a question via zoom that was responded to by Ann Marie Dryden
 - g) Gabe Gabery who was in attendance asked a question that was responded to by Kacey Burakowski and Stuart Weppler
 - h) Susan & Bob Titterton asked a question via zoom that was responded to by Ann Marie Dryden and Ryan Heraty
 - i) Eric Schoeberlein who was in attendance asked a question that was responded to by Kacey Burakowski and Ryan Heraty
 - j) Neil Perlin asked a question via zoom that was responded to by Ann Marie Dryden and Warren West
 - k) Don Valentine who was in attendance asked a question that was responded to by Ann Marie Dryden
 - l) Megan Jolly asked a question via zoom that was responded to by Warren West and Bruce Malcolm
 - m) Allen Van Anda who was in attendance made a statement that was not responded to
 - n) Don Valentine who was in attendance asked a question that was responded to by Stuart Weppler
 - o) Sharon Fortune who was in attendance asked a question that was responded to by Ann Marie Dryden and Kacey Burakowski
 - p) Hans de Boer and Chris Jolly asked a question via zoom that was responded to by Ryan Heraty
9. Jon Gilmore adjourned the informational meeting at 8:00pm with all questions being answered via zoom and in person. Jon stated that the entire meeting will be available on the Elmore website either tomorrow or on Thursday at the latest