

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Special Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by G. Schwartz
Status: Approved

Meeting Date: January 25, 2022

Start Time: 2:00 pm **Adjourn:** 3:00 pm

Meeting Attendees: Caroline DeVore, Robb Wills, Glenn Schwartz, Michel LaCasse and Sharon Draper

SPECIAL TOPICS:

1. A discussion was held regarding the multiple candidate for the Elmore DRB. After reviewing the candidate the Select Board unamously voted to elect Chris Jolley to the Board.
2. A discussion was held to allow the school district to mail ballots to the residents of Elmore. After reviewing this proposal the Select Board unamously voted to allow the ballots to be mailed.
3. A discussion was held to not include return postage on the ballots to be mailed out for Town Meeting. After reviewing this proposal the Select Board unamously voted not to include return postage on the ballots to be mailed to Elmore residents. This was due to the fact that very few ballots were returned via US Mail on the last election and the cost of the stamps was wasted.
4. A discussion was held regarding the 2022-2023 budget. After reviewing the budget the Select Board unamously voted to approve the budget as submitted.
5. A discussion was held regarding the MOA for land to build the Elmore Maintenance Facility on. After reviewing the MOA the Select Board unamously voted to sign the MOA as written. S. Draper to send this agreement to the property owner. It should be noted that this agreement is contingent upon approval by the Town via Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day.
6. A discussion was held regarding the February 3rd informational meeting for the Elmore Maintenance Facility. The following are the action items required prior to the meeting;
 - R. Wills to create a timeline
 - G. Schwartz to prepare a quick description of the new facility vs the old structure
 - Cross Engineers is complete the preliminary drawings and be prepared to discuss the proposed budget
7. The Select Board reviewed and signed the Warning and ballot for the Town Annual Meeting for March 1, 2022 (copy attached)

WARNING
TOWN OF EMORE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1st, 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Elmore are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Elmore Town Office in said Town on March 1nd, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business by **Australian ballot**:

ARTICLE 1: To Elect the Following:

Moderator	1 year
Town Clerk	1 year
Town Treasurer	1 year
Selectboard	3 year
Lister	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Constable	1 year
Trustee of Public Funds	1 year
Cemetery Commission	5 years
Cemetery Commission	3 years

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651(a)?

ARTICLE 3: 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 4: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Elmore in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of purchasing land for and constructing a new Town highway maintenance facility, the estimated cost of such improvements being Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000)?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to appropriate a total of **\$25,850.98** to support the following social service agencies and non-profit entities?

American Red Cross	\$250.00
Central VT Adult Education	\$300.00
Central VT Council on Aging/RSVP	\$850.00
Clarina Howard Nichols Center	\$400.00
Elmore Community Trust	\$1,000.00
Elmore Lake Assoc.	\$15,000.00
Lamoille Community Food Share	\$500.00
Lamoille Economic Development	\$250.00
Lamoille Restorative Center	\$200.00
Lamoille County Mental Health	\$500.00
Lamoille County Planning Comm.	\$682.00
Lamoille County Special Inv. Unit	\$528.98
Lamoille Family Center	\$600.00
Lamoille Home Health Hospice	\$2,565.00
Lamoille Housing Partnership	\$300.00
Meals on Wheels	\$500.00
North Country Animal League	\$300.00
Rural Community Transportation	\$600.00
VT Center for Independent Living	\$175.00
VT Family Network	\$250.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00
Total	<u>\$25,850.98</u>

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to approve a budget of **\$866,685.22**, to meet expenses and liabilities of the town for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to raise money equal to those expenditures approved in Articles 5 & 6 on its Grand List for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to pay debts and current expenditures of the Town, Payable in two equal installments on September 15th 2022 and March 15th 2023?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year 2022-2023?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to call the next annual meeting of the Town of Elmore on the first Tuesday of March 2023 at 9:00 A.M.?

Dated this 25th day of January, 2022

By the Select Board members of the Town of Elmore
 Caroline DeVore, Selectboard Chair
 Glenn Schwartz
 Robb Wills

Polling Place & Time: Elmore Town Office, 1175 VT Route 12 – 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the ballot box for such election of the Town shall open at eight o'clock (8:00 a.m.) in the forenoon on Tuesday March 1, 2022 and will close at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening.

The legal voters of the Town of Elmore are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said annual meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election or prior by going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.