

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by C. DeVore
Status: APPROVED

Meeting Date: August 9, 2017

Start Time: 6:28 pm **Adjourn:** 8:40 pm

Meeting Attendees: Robert Burley – ESB Chairman, Caroline DeVore – ESB, Robb Wills – ESB, Michel LaCasse – Road Commissioner, Rob Moore – LCPC, Ryan Murphy – LCPC-GIS

A. SPECIAL TOPICS:

1. **Water System: State ANR Periodic Safety Inspection conducted. System surpasses all criteria for safe and clean operation.**
2. **Proposed sale of conserved 1996ac (VLT/ Atlas Timber) rescheduled to September for continued design refinement.**

B. NEW ITEMS:

1. **REVIEW/APPROVE: MOU for LCPC project management to conduct Elmore road erosion study (comply with ANR water quality) to identify and prioritize possible remedial activities.**

Notes: SB reviewed and approved the proposed MOU. The goal of this program is to conduct data gathering and an assessment of run-off and erosion. Project to launch during the Fall '17 with the objective to produce a report over the winter 2018.

2. **REVIEW/APPROVE: Municipal grant application: LCPC to convert uneditable Sub Division By-Law from Word Perfect to MS Word.**

Notes: SB approved / signed. Once EPC Chairman's signature is captured, Caroline will submit grant application.

3. **STATUS UPDATE: Franz Boening has commenced timber harvest and road improvement on Forest Reserve District property (Old Gould Farm Rd). ANR rules supersede town zoning and specify the best practices required to meet forestry, water quality and wildlife objectives.**
 - a. **ESB: a) site inspection; b) 2 aerial inspections conducted.**

Notes: Abutting home owners are pursuing consultation with local teams / land experts to assess state of clearing. Abutters expressed concern that timber clearing may extend to the adjoining conservation land. ANR made aware of project.

4. **STATUS UPDATE: Aerial Inspection indicates Elmore's gypsy moth infestation appears localized to patches of highly stressed maples, (vacuum extraction process) particularly at higher altitudes along western face of Mt. Elmore. Less than infestations in southern VT.**
5. **TRASH DUMPING: Beach Road. Advised that someone is dumping furniture and household trash in the brook. Tires, mattresses, carpeting, etc. The dumping is in the Town ROW. Action: Town cleaning out the dumping location and we'll monitor for offenders.**
6. **ROADSIDE CLEARING/ROW: Lilacs planted in the ROW were damaged by roadside clearing. Replacement costs to be assessed. DRI: DeVore**

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS:

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1. Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse

As of August 1st, we have received the same amount of precipitation as the entire year of 2016 (per the weather service in Burlington).

Work Completed:

- Roadside mowing underway. Some smaller roads not done due to excessive size of equipment.
- Half of sand pile stored.
- Grading roadways when weather permits.

Equipment status:

- Freightliner out of service for several weeks with emission issues.
- Freightliner getting dump body and frame sand blasted and painted; expect to be completed by mid-August.
- Have rented an excavator for eight weeks.

Employee Status:

- All is well and have taken some time off.

Upcoming Work / Anticipated Issues:

- Have not heard anything from State re: Tallman Road Beaver Dam breach.
- Finish stocking sand pile.
- Work down project list.
- Help LCPC do erosion map and plan.

2. STATUS UPDATE: Addition of Occupancy Permits to Zoning Process to assure “as built” compliance with Permits

Notes: Update delayed due to vacation schedules. Look for update Sept 2017.

3. STATUS UPDATE: Create Cost/Benefit hierarchy for Law Enforcement Options for continuing discussion with Elmore residents.

Notes: Deferring until SB can scope related responsibilities and how to staff town needs.

4. LISTER APPOINTMENT: The open position (created by Bernard Jensen’s resignation), is being actively advertised and is posted on the Town’s website. The Selectboard is accepting submissions from interested parties.

5. UPDATE - EPC:

- **SUB DIVISION BYLAW INTERIM UPDATE:** Multiple, embedded formatting settings from previous edits preventing edits.
- **ENERGY PLAN:** EPC 1st draft undergoing modest edits by LCPC for submission to PUC/ANR. Plan is largely a kabuki dance to: a) achieve “substantial deference” with PUC and b) proclaim town engagement toward VT 2050 energy goals.

D. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS

1. Review Action Item List

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E. SB EXECUTIVE SESSION

SB unanimously voted to enter Executive Session. Entered executive session at 8:23pm – exited at 8:36pm.
