

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT

Monthly Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by C. DeVore
Status: APPROVED

Meeting Date: September 13, 2017

Start Time: 6:30 pm **Adjourn:** 7:49 pm

Meeting Attendees: Robert Burley – ESB Chairman, Caroline DeVore – ESB, Robb Wills – ESB, Michel LaCasse– Road Commissioner, Kristen Howell – Zoning Administrator, Sue Cano – Resident, Andy Lundeen, LSSU Finance Director

A. SPECIAL TOPICS:

OVERVIEW: LSSU Capital Plan Presentation – Andy Lundeen, LSSU Finance Director

Presentation offered with a question and answer session that followed. Focus was proposed spending on capital projects, background information, plans showing proposed changes for MES and PA facilities. Audience asked questions including term/duration of tax increase to cover proposed spending. A 30-year bond is being proposed. SB and audience suggested a few clarifications in the presentation and provided high-level feedback.

The public may review the presentation and participate in a brief survey at the following website address: <https://www.morrisville.org/> and select Capital Projects Survey in the right margin under EMUU QuickLinks

B. NEW ITEMS:

1. DISCUSSION: Sue Cano, request - extend 35MPH speed limit on Rte. 12 south of village. State Highways require an engineering study.

Notes: The noted section of Rte. 12 is a State Highway and requires an engineering study to adjust speed limits. Robb Wills volunteered to be the Designated Responsible Individual (DRI) on the SB to lead this project with support from Sue Cano and Kristen Howell as interested community members. The SB suggested a review of high density/thickly settled areas, a recreational designation or other high pedestrian traffic justification to include in the proposal and subsequent engineering study.

2. DISCUSSION: Caroline DeVore -Town Purchase of radar speed warning signs.

Discussion: Caroline reviewed the merits of purchasing a \$2500 movable speed monitoring system. The system would allow the Town to place signage with monitoring / warning signal in varying locations to address high-speed corridors. The SB felt that placement of radar/speed warning signs would attract vandalism and would not effectively address high-speed corridors in Town. Recent traffic monitoring by LCPC indicates speeding >10 MPH over the posted limits occurs in ~10% of overall traffic. This concept was tabled in an effort to explore less expensive and more vandalism-proof solutions to address speeding. Communication with local law enforcement will also continue with focus on high-speed corridors.

3. DISCUSSION: Fine tuning Forest Reserve Zoning to:

- a. Permit & grandfather previously existing businesses
- b. Require DRB zoning compliance inspection of any property construction/modification.

Notes: Corrections in zoning approved. Burley to circulate updated language for approval.

4. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 9/8-10/27 - MRGP REGULATIONS to comply with Act 64, Vermont Water Quality. Compliance costs forecast 8-10% per year increases for Highway Budget..

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a. Stowe forecasts similar – Stowe Reporter 9/7/17

5. **ANR F&W NEW RESOURCE:** Andrea Shortsleeve, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Private Lands Coordinator to assist incorporation of wildlife management and conservation into private and local plans. TEL; 802-479-4439
6. **FILLING OF OPEN LISTER'S POSITION:** The Town's Listers and Clerk have interviewed candidates and recommended Susan Rousselle to fill the remaining portion of the Lister's position created by Bernie Jensen's resignation. This seat is due for re-election in 2018. The Select Board unanimously approved Ms. Rousselle's appointment to fill this vacancy. Thank you to all candidates who applied for this position and welcome Susan.

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS:

1. Road Commissioner Update – LaCasse

Work Completed:

- Three out of four thousand yard of sand hauled in.
- Two culverts on East Elmore Road have been changed out.
- One side of Brown Hill has been ditched out.
- GARBAGE! Cleaned up dump site on Beach Rd and along Lacasse Road. Both resulting in filling up our 1 ton truck.
- Greaves Hill received minor maintenance.

Equipment status:

- Freightliner truck has been sand blasted, painted and undercoated. Will extend its use and value.

Employee Status:

- The Town of Elmore Highway Team hosted a 3-day Local Roads Workshop. Five towns participated in the workshop entitled Game of Logging 1 and 2 and Storm Damage. Thank you to Lacasse Farm for use of their wood lot for demos.

Upcoming Work / Anticipated Issues:

- Still have a few more culverts to plant.
- Finish stock piles.
- Work with LCPC on inventory mapping.
- Employment: Relief Driver needed for upcoming winter months. November through April rotating weekends and on call.

Driver needs:

- Class B CDL
- Pass drug test
- Plow experience a plus

Will be posted on FPF and noted in other community communication forums.

- **STATUS: Sub-Division By-Law Municipal Planning Grant Application**
Notes: All on track, submitted and edits submitted by Burley and DeVore.
- **STATUS: Road Erosion Inventory Grant Application.**
Notes: Approved and waiting for schedule.

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- **STATUS: Create Cost/Benefit hierarchy for Law Enforcement**
Moved to inactive.

- **UPDATE - EPC:**
 - **ENERGY PLAN: Draft Energy Plan submitted for state “preliminary review” to smooth final approval.**
 - **Town Plan Update due 2018 = MAJOR EFFORT/WORK necessary**

D. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS

1. Review Action Item List

E. SB EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session Required.