Town of Elmore Monthly Select Board MINUTES
"The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who failed to make decisions."

MEETING DATE: 8NOV17– Start 1825hrs; End 1915hrs
REVISION: V1.1
STATUS: _APPROVED_
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ATTENDEES: **Robert Burley-ESB, Robb Wills-ESB, Michel LaCasse-Road Comm., Dr. Carole Inge-ELR Land Owner, Luke Hardt – Inge Forester, Kent Shaw-interested party, Don Valentine-Observer**

A. SPECIAL TOPICS: (Items requiring expanded discussion)
1. **DISCUSSION: Elmore Fire Dept. Building Repairs: Review responses to RFP. Determine next actions.**
   > ACTION: ESB, in 20 minute (1920hr-1940hr) executive session, reviewed RFP submission and selected Vermont Vernacular Designs.
   > R. Wills will review quote for accuracy and scope of work and VVD will be contacted.
   > ESB recommends replacement of existing failed chimney with Stainless Metalbestos ™ installation for maintenance free and leak resistance.

B. NEW ITEMS: (Schedule, minimum. 1 wk. prior to meeting)
1. **UPDATE: VLT Requested Town endorsement of continued Forest Legacy Project Funding to secure conservation easements on larger tracts of undeveloped land.**
   > ACTION: Endorsement letter sent. Continues support first approved in 2014.
2. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: Elmore participation in U. S. Census Bureau LUCA program (Local Update of Census Addresses) to reconcile Grand List vs Census data. Preparation for 2020 Census.**
   > ACTION: After review of the total required town work obligation (approximately .4 person years), ESB elected NOT to actively participate for this cycle due to manpower and cost.
3. **UPDATE: Wind/Rain Storm Damage Assessment completed and sent to AOT.** Elmore damage insufficient for FEMA/VEMA aid/assistance.

4. **EAGLE LEDGE ROAD: Preliminary request/proposal to seek grants to improve access in the East Elmore, Tallman Rd. area – Dr. Carole Inge, Owner, Luke Hardt, Forester.**
   > ACTION: Parties agreed to explore options for improved access and enforcement to better utilize this valuable regional asset. Private, Town and Regional options will be explored.

C. CONTINUING ACTIVE ITEMS: (Update status, by item, by DRI)
1. **STATUS UPDATE: Road Commissioner – LaCasse**
   > ACTIONS: Prolonged rains and severe wind event (29-30 Oct) caused minor erosion to town roads. Most tree damage occurred in Bedell Brook area. Elmore Mtn. Rd closed for 3-4 hours.
   > WORK: Clean up storm damage, most roads graded, 2 culverts changed, Scheduled ditch work completed, Hauled ½ of needed mud season gravel

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EQUIPMENT: Preparations for winter, fluids & lubes, tires, reconfigure all equipment for cold weather operations.
EMPLOYEES: All present and accounted for.
PLANS: Finish gravel stockpile, Update Priority List, LCPC Erosion Inventory, New truck 2018, Identify $ to repair Ice House Road Culvert

2. **UPDATE: ANR Storm Water Management: MRGP comment period closed. Proposed onerous and costly regulations based on Act 64. Lamoille County towns <u>sent 8 pages of modifications</u>. Significant town cost increases plus direct property owner costs and alterations.**

3. **STATUS UPDATE: Bridge #14, Bedell Brook: Sheared approach rails and channel realignment to eliminate scour of abutment.**
ACTION: Will be addressed in spring. Special equipment & approvals needed to repair rails and remediate scour. Temporary reflectors will be explored.

4. **UPDATE - EPC:**
   a. **ENERGY PLAN: Draft Energy Plan review by PSB resulted in changes/suggestions. LCPC & EPC to resolve and resubmit.**
   b. **TOWN PLAN: Update due 2018 = MAJOR EFFORT/WORK necessary.**
      i. **Burley met with EPC 25 Oct Review and create measurable Goals and Sub-goals.**
      ii. **Plan to significantly reduce current 88 pages. Separate background info from specific actions Town can achieve.**
5. **UPDATE: Elmore Water System- ACTION:** Brooke Green & Abram Ward late payment issue resolved, payment received as result of Jon Osborn meeting with Green/Ward.

D. COMPLETED/INACTIVE ITEMS: (Update status, by item, by DRI)
1. **Review Action Item List**

E. NON AGENDA/OTHER ITEMS: (*Time Available*)
1. **Routine Administrative, Operations items and payment approvals.**