

ANNUAL MEETING OF GLOVER TOWN
MARCH 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:05A.M. By Nicholas Ecker-Racz, Moderator, after a five minute delay to allow people to get checked off the checklist and seated. He announced that the Girl Scouts were selling cookies; Glover Historical Society had a table where they were selling memberships, books and maps. Betsy Day spoke briefly about the Historical Society during the day. The Glover Public Library had a table where you could adopt a book; Barb Delzio spoke about the program. The Glover Ambulance had a table where you could get subscriptions and they had File of Life to hand out (medical information in a file that is a magnet that goes on the refrigerator in case you need an ambulance) Randy Williams spoke briefly about the Ambulance during the day. Nick announced the rabies clinic will be held Saturday 9-10:30 downstairs at the Town Hall. There was a Doyle Survey, Sam Young had a Survey and there were two Surveys for Lake Region Union High School. The eighth grade usually has a bake sale, but did not attend so Betsy Day hurried around and got coffee and donuts and sold them. The money will go to the Bicentennial Scholarship Fund. Betsy reminded people that donations are needed, last year the committee members each put in \$20.00 to help with the scholarships.

This year the beautiful quilts hanging in the town hall were hung by Historical Society members. This was the fourth year of this tradition. Thank you to everyone who donated a quilt for this occasion and to those who hung them.

Representatives Sam Young and Vickie Strong spoke during the morning, they spoke on issues that the legislators are working on.

NOTICE
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The legal voters of the Town of Glover are hereby notified to meet at the Glover Town Hall in Glover Village on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

WARNING

ARTICLE 1. To see if the town will vote to recite "The Pledge of Allegiance" at this meeting before the election of officers and at all future Town Meetings before the reading of the Warning.

Mike Ladd moved to accept the article, seconded by Donna Sweeney. Nash Basom told the history of the Pledge of Allegiance and said it was revised four times. He said voters won't attend town meeting or will come in late. He moved to vote by paper ballot. Mike Ladd said the Pledge of Allegiance should not be controversial as it is a 15 second pledge. Elka Schumann said that voters take the oath before getting on the checklist. Ross Clark said the pledge is a symbol to the flag and to make a big deal is wrong.

John Rodgers said that it is the choice of each person to say the Pledge of Allegiance or not. The votes were forwarded. 108 votes, Yes 68 No 40. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ARTICLE 2. To elect a Moderator.

Nicholas Ecker-Racz was nominated by Dennis Gibson seconded by Charlie Barrows. Jason Choquette acting moderator asked if there were any more nominations. Dennis Gibson made the motion, seconded by Mike Ladd that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Nicholas Ecker-Racz. The clerk cast one ballot and Nicholas Ecker-Racz was declared elected.

ARTICLE 3. To elect a Town Clerk.

Charlie Barrows nominated Donna Sweeney, Mike Ladd made the motion that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Dennis Gibson the Moderator cast one ballot for Donna Sweeney. Donna Sweeney was declared elected.

ARTICLE 4. To receive the reports of the officers of last year.

Charlie Barrows moved to accept the article; seconded by Denis Gibson. Mike Ladd asked about the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Land Use Values from the Listers' Report. Dennis Gibson explained the CLA is where they are with the state Appraisal Average if the CLA falls below a certain % then they have to do a town wide reappraisal. Ted Young explained the Land Use Value. Mike also made the comment that the Ambulance Report Expense Balance Sheet did not add up. Article accepted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. To elect all officers required by law for the ensuing year and fill all vacancies caused by resignation or otherwise.

To elect a **TREASURER** for a term of one (1) year. Charlie Barrows nominated Donna Sweeney, seconded by John Rodgers. Charlie Barrows made the motion that nominations cease and Moderator cast one ballot for Donna Sweeney. The Moderator cast one ballot and Donna Sweeney was elected.

To elect a **SELECT BOARD MEMBER** for a term of three (3) years. Tara Nelson nominated Jason Choquette. Loraine Janowski nominated April Bodette. Ballots were forwarded. 111 votes Jason Choquette 71- April Bodette 38- Dennis 1- Blank 1-. Jason Choquette was declared elected

To elect an **AUDITOR** for a term of three (3) years. Elaine Magalis nominated Lucille Smith. Dennis Gibson made the motion that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Lucille Smith. One ballot was cast and Lucille Smith was declared elected.

To elect a **LISTER** for a term of three (3) years. Charles Barrows was nominated by Ted Young, Dennis Gibson moved that nominations cease and the clerk cast one ballot for Charles Barrows. The clerk cast one

ballot and Dennis Gibson was declared elected. The Moderator commented that the Town Report was dedicated to Charlie. There was a standing ovation.

To elect a **LIBRARY TRUSTEE** for a term of five (5) years Stephanie Cantor nominated Linda Elbow. Howard Cantor moved that nominations cease, seconded by Dennis Gibson. Linda Elbow was elected by voice vote.

To elect a **CEMETERY COMMISSIONER** for a term of three (3) years. Robert Clark was nominated by Mike Ladd. Rebecca Young made the motion that nominations cease, seconded by Charles Barrows. Robert Clark was elected by voice vote.

To elect a **CEMETERY SEXTON** for a term of one (1) year. Donna Sweeney was nominated by Charlie Barrows. Dennis Gibson moved that nominations cease. Donna Sweeney was elected by voice vote.

To elect a **COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES** for a term of one (1) year. John Rodgers Nominated Donna Sweeney, as there were no other nominations Donna Sweeney was elected by voice vote.

To elect a **FIRST CONSTABLE** for a term of (1) year. Rebecca Tenney was nominated by Tara Nelson. As there were no other nominations Rebecca Tenney was elected by voice vote.

To elect a **SECOND CONSTABLE** Michael Tenney was nominated by Dennis Gibson. As there were no other nominations Michael Tenney was elected by voice vote.

To elect a **GRAND JUROR** for a term of one (1) year. Carlton Bickford was nominated by Mike Ladd. There were no other nominations. Carlton Bickford was elected by voice vote.

To elect a **TOWN AGENT** for a term of one (1) year. Donna Sweeney was nominated by Charlie Barrows. There were no other nominations. Donna Sweeney was elected by voice vote.

To elect an **AGENT** to deed town owned property for a term of one (1) year. Donna Sweeney was nominated by Ami English. There were no other nominations. Donna Sweeney was elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to collect property taxes with a two Percent discount thirty (30) days from billing date, and the balance without discount on or before November 30, as provided in T32, Section 4792 V.S.A.

Charlie Barrows moved to adopt the article, seconded by John Sumberg. It was so approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to have taxes collected by the Treasurer as provided in T32, Section 4791-92 V.S.A.

Milton Borrell moved to adopt the article, seconded by Lois Mike Ladd. It was adopted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay the current expenses of the Town.

Charlie Barrows moved to adopt the article, seconded by Ted Young. It was so adopted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote \$50.00 per mile or more for Class 1, 2 And 3 Town Highways under the provisions of T19, Section 307 V.S.A.

Bob Clark moved to adopt the article, seconded by John Rodgers. It was adopted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$657,019.96 by taxes to be assessed by the Select Board to pay incidental expenses and its several taxes required by law. Also to approve the expenditures of approximately \$105,000.00 of State Revenue to pay expenses on highways including bridges. Plus give the board the authority to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts.

Jack Sumberg moved to accept the article, seconded by Richard Epinette. Arthur Aiken asked about the line item for the Orleans County Sheriff, how many hours would \$10,000 cover. Phil Brooks resident and deputy for the Sheriff's department said it would cover 5 hours a week. In the winter they could do less so that in the summer when the summer people are here they can spend more time around the lakes. There was discussion and Howard Cantor made the motion to reduce the line item to -0-, seconded by Stephan Cantor. The moderator called to recess for lunch and continue this article after the school meeting. Ted Young moved to override the moderator and call the vote to amend the line item from \$10,000 to -0- and vote by paper ballot. The ballots were forwarded. Voters 100 61 no and yes 39. The line item remains in the budget.

The meeting was recessed at 12:26 pm and Reconvened at 2:15 pm

After a few questions, the article was approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a total of \$22,489.00 to the Individual agencies and services listed below, in the separate Amounts specified for each and by taxes assessed by Selectmen:
\$ 7,500.00 to Glover Ambulance Squad, Inc.

\$ 1,000.00 to Barton Senior Citizen's Center
 \$ 750.00 to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 \$ 405.00 to Northeastern Vermont Development Association
 \$ 400.00 to Northeastern Vermont Area Agency on Aging
 \$ 200.00 to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.
 \$ 1,014.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.
 \$ 75.00 to Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council
 \$ 500.00 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy
 \$ 700.00 to Umbrella Inc.
 \$ 100.00 to Orleans County Court Diversion
 \$ 2,500.00 to Orleans-Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.
 \$ 245.00 to Vermont Center for Independent Living
 \$ 150.00 to American Legion
 \$ 300.00 to Orleans County Historical Society
 \$ 500.00 to the Frontier Animal Society of Vermont, Inc.
 \$ 50.00 to Green up Vermont
 \$ 400.00 to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RTC)
 \$ 500.00 to Green Mountain Farm-to School, Inc.
 \$ 5,000.00 to the Shadow Lake Association (Boat Wash)
 \$ 200.00 to Lake Region Senior Center

Stephan Cantor moved to accept the article, seconded by Howard Cantor. Mike Ladd said we are spending too much on appropriations. Nash Bason said the prior year amount should be listed also. Dennis Gibson said that the appropriations will add 1.2/3 cents to the tax rate. The article was approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to have the year 2012 Annual Meeting to start at 10:00 A.M. on March 6, 2012.

Dennis Gibson moved to accept the article, seconded by Mike Ladd. The article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. To do and transact any other nonbinding business that may legally come before this meeting. Stephan Cantor moved to accept the article, seconded by Howard Cantor. Stephan Cantor moved to accept the following Resolution. "Whereas, the Select Board of the Town of Glover has decided to appropriate \$10,000.00 to contract patrol services with the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.

Be it resolved that, before entering into any contractual obligation with the Orleans County Sheriff's Department, the voters of the Town of Glover direct the Select Board to formally request a public investigation into the conduct of the OCSD, including policy, procedure, and specific complaints which have been directed against specific employees of the OCSD. The Moderator asked for a voice vote. Resolution approved Article approved by voice vote. This is a Non-Binding Resolution

ARTICLE 14. To adjourn.

Darlene Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Milton Borrell. The article was accepted by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Dated March 9, 2011

Select Board Member

Donna Sweeney/Town Clerk

Moderator