

Glover Select Board
20 November 2007

Called to Order at 6:30pm

Board Members Attending: Nick Ecker-Racz, Keone Maher, Nash Basom

Minutes of 17 November 2007

Approved without changes.

Ancient Highways Act

Each year we participate in the requirements of this act via a questionnaire, and then receive a report from the state Policy and Planning Division – Mapping Unit of the Agency of Transportation. We will be filling out the annual survey.

VLCT Life Insurance

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns offers a voluntary municipal employees life insurance program. Any of our employees who wish to can participate via payroll deductions. The town will cover any associated administrative expenses.

Roads

We recognize that we are currently considerably over our road budget. This is due largely to overtime. The benefit to the town is significantly improved roads thanks to a great deal of work this summer. We are concerned about the budget overrun, and we are also concerned about the safety implications. We agree to work with the public works crew at our next meeting to formulate our severe weather policy. We will address the general overtime policy at a later meeting.

Glover Sewer System

Last week Nash was available to watch as our public works crew was pulling, servicing and replacing one of the two pump/grinders at our pumping station. He was impressed with the difficulty of the operation given our lack of proper equipment and safety equipment.

We agree to budget for the necessary safety equipment. We will also check with the Barton Village Trustees re the possibility of sharing the sewer plant's safety equipment.

Nash has met with Jefferson Tolman at the Barton Village treatment plant and toured the facility. He reports the following:

- To his inexperienced eye the Barton plant seems to be in good condition. The current crew (employees of EarthTech) seem to take pride in keeping the facility in good shape. They have also made some changes and upgrades over the past few years. At this point, replacing the back-up generator is a priority. The current generator runs on gasoline, was purchased from military surplus as used equipment over twenty years ago, and it does not even approach being large enough to keep the plant running fully during a power outage. Most of the equipment is in the neighborhood of twenty-five years old. We can anticipate some replacement expenses in the near future.
- We need to clarify the extent to which we own, have responsibility for, and have access to the equipment and services at the Barton plant.
- There is much we can learn from the plant operators re the maintenance and safety measures necessary for our own equipment.
- It would cost approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 to purchase the necessary equipment to safely service our pumping station (viz., ventilation system, safety harness, personnel tripod and winch, equipment tripod or chain fall, multi-gas meter and supplies).

Sewer Bond Authorization

We have received a notice from the law firm of McKee, Giuliani and Cleveland that our proceedings pertaining to the sewer bond “are in regular and due form as prescribed by law. . .”

Hazardous Waste Cleanup

We have received a first formal report from Environmental Products and Services (EPS). This report is also sent to the state. Three of the monitoring wells show no contamination. Two of the monitoring wells show elevated levels of various toxins but also show a decline in the toxin levels since removal of the tank. Further removal of the contaminated soil will take place later this month, including the material now stockpiled at the town gravel pit. EPS will continue to monitor.

Energy Conservation

Nick moves that we do an energy audit of the municipal building and the town hall and that we immediately install a setback thermostat in the municipal building. Seconded by Keone. Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Other routine clerical and administrative matters were attended to.

Executive Session

Nash moves that we enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:45pm. The board votes to go out of executive session at 7:54pm. No action taken.

Adjourned at 8:05pm.