

Glover Select Board  
19 December 2007

Called to Order at 6:35pm

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

Also Attending: Harvey Dunbar

Visitors: Richard Creaser, Gary Leach, Lazlo Ecker-Racz

Minutes of 5 December 2007

Approved without changes.

West Glover Sewer Project

We are in need of several easements to create the necessary right-of-way. We are still hoping to create a shorter route, possibly following an ancient road which connects with Bailey Lane at one point, and a power line to Larouse Lane at another point. Nick will do some more research on the ancient road to determine its existence and location. Gary Leach will be in touch with Bill May re the necessary individual property easements. He will also put together a tentative time-line for the project.

Gary Leach presented the engineering agreement for our approval. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Budgeting

We focused on building the 2008 budget. We plan to rebuild approximately another four miles of road next summer, the majority of which will be the roads damaged last summer and covered by our FEMA grant. Other projects will mostly be culvert replacement. We are aware that we are way over budget for this year – due to the flood damage repairs and major rebuilding of four miles of road – and that this deficit will be carried over to next year. We are committed to an aggressive response to the sentiment expressed by town residents at our special meeting this past summer, namely that we should commit to a significant improvement in the quality of our roads town-wide. We see this as a ten-year program minimum. As the number of miles of rebuilt roads increases, this should gradually free up crew time, which in turn should produce more time for rebuilding. We talked about the possibility of buying an excavator rather than renting. If we own, it provides us with needed flexibility for scheduling work. There are other benefits for a

variety of projects, and we would have equity. Renting an excavator for five weeks this year cost about \$6,000.

### Roads

We are very pleased with our road crew. There has been considerable positive feed-back from town residents re their pleasure with the improvements in the roads.

We ask the road crew to provide us with an estimate to replace the one-ton truck. They will also make a recommendation re what to purchase to replace the oldest ten-wheeler.

### Vision Insurance

Vermont League of Cities and Towns offers policies for town employees to cover vision insurance. Nick moves that we contract with VLCT to provide our full-time employees the "standard package vision plan." Keone seconds and we agree to provide this benefit with the town paying 90% and the employee paying 10% of the premiums. This is voluntary for the employees.

### Miscellaneous

Other routine clerical and administrative matters were attended to.

Adjourned at 9:05pm.