

Glover Select Board
16 January 2008

Called to Order at 6:30pm

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

Also Attending: Andy Brosseau, Harvey Dunbar

Visitors: Richard Epinette, Tammy Cochran, Rob Morris, Krystal Ingalls, Mark Wright, Larry Gaboriault, Jason Rogers, Heidi Kuperstein, Linda Elbow, Cleopatra Jones, Barb Delzio

Minutes of 19 December 2007

Approved without changes.

Glover Recreation Committee

Grec suggests budgeting for less this coming year. They anticipate collecting field use fees for the first time and perhaps securing some volunteer mowing. They will bring some figures for us next week. They are anticipating a larger overall town budget and would like to help out by reducing their request.

Winter Roads

Tammy Cochran and Rob Morris brought their concern about plowing and sanding of Dexter Mountain. It takes approximately five hours for our crew to plow the entire town. It is impossible to have all roads cleared at the same time of the day. Harvey is now going to wait to plow Dexter Mountain closer to the time the school bus goes up that road. We have also had a relatively warm winter, which makes for slicker roads. It is proposed that we spread more sand on Dexter, even if it means more mud in the spring. The problem this winter is that we are already two thirds through our sand for the season. Nash will talk with Butlers Bus re better communications and possibly the buses using chains.

Fire Department

The GFD appropriation in the Glover budget has been \$21,000 for the past three years. It actually costs considerably more than that to run the department. The GFD asks if we are interested in making the fire department a part of the town's municipal budget. The GFD

presents their proposed budget for us to consider. Nick suggests that in future the fire department and the Glover ambulance work together to come up with a combined emergency services budget (that includes money for setting up an emergency shelter capability) that could be included in the town's budget. We see potential operational and financial benefits to including the fire department in the municipal budget. If we agree to making the fire department a municipal department, they will withdraw their usual appropriation request.

Library Trustees

The library trustees would like to propose that the Glover librarian become a town employee for about eighteen hours per week, at a cost of about \$10,000 per year. In conjunction with this request, the trustees will be able to increase the library hours. If we can do this, they will no longer ask the town for an appropriation (which was \$3,000 in 2007). It amounts to a seven thousand increase, but does not include programmatic costs which are covered by grants. The search for grant funds can increase if they can increase the librarian's hours.

Gates Salvage Proposal

We have received a proposal from Gates Salvage that we allow them to place a roll-off dumpster at our recycling center for the collection of scrap metal. They will split the proceeds from the scrap fifty/fifty with us. We agree to their proposal.

Use of Fish and Wildlife land adjacent to Town Green

A proposed agreement has been drafted by F&W, but not yet approved by their legal staff. This is progressing very slowly.

Budgeting for 2008

Anticipating the requested increase of \$19,000 in the Equipment Reserve Account, Nick moves that we authorize the ordering of a replacement for truck number two. Seconded by Keone; passed unanimously.

We agree to include a \$1500 item in the budget to create a plan to generate power at Shadow Lake dam which would generate income of \$23,000 per year for the town.

We expect to finish the budgeting process at our next meeting on January 23.

Vermont Education Finance and Property Tax Reform Resolution

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns asks towns to consider whether or not they will support The Vermont Coalition of Municipalities' proposal to have Vermont either return to a public education system which is locally governed, managed and primarily financed, or a system which is governed, managed and financed by the state. We agree to put this recommendation on the Town Warning.

Miscellaneous

Other routine clerical and administrative matters were attended to.

Adjourned at 10:14pm.