Glover Select Board 19 March 2008

Called to Order at 6:30pm

Board Members Attending: Keone Maher, Nash Basom, Jason Choquette

Also Attending: Andy Brosseau

Visitors: Charles Evans

Minutes of 5 March 2008

Approved without changes.

Roads

Per our request, Andy has come up with a list of loggers and others currently using town roads for heavy trucks. Andy will talk with each of them to make sure they understand our concerns about not using the town roads when they are too soft during mud season.

Our newer truck is in need of an oil pan replacement, at a cost of \$740.

Andy will be meeting with the Lamoille County town road crews next week in order to buy our culverts with them, for a considerable savings.

There is still a lot of ice storm damage lying on the road sides. Andy proposes renting a chipper for a day or two. This will solve the problem of branches in the ditches or having to haul it all somewhere at considerable time expense. This is a good time to take care of the problem, before we have a lot of run-off, and before we start the summer work. Residents can help themselves to the resulting road-side chips/mulch if they wish.

Nash and Andy met with Scott Keyser from VTrans to work out the state's contribution to our roads budget. The estimate for this year is for \$112,000.

We discuss the possibility of using the Neal sand pit across from the town garage. Andy reports that the quality of the material is not great; it's very fine. The sand from our own pit is far better than any we've received from any other site.

Andy plans to draw 4,000 yards of sand for next winter; a 33% increase over this year.

As soon as they get a chance, the road crew will be filling sunken culverts where they cross a road.

Personnel Policy Change

Nash moves that we change the personnel policy with regards to "sick leave." The proposed changes would be:

- 2b) An employee is entitled to ½ day of personal leave for each month worked in a given year, plus two additional days to be credited at the beginning of the year, a maximum of twenty accumulated days to be carried over into future years. With the exception of personal days taken for illness, employees are expected to clear with their co-worker(s) and/or supervisor and/or a member of the select board prior to their use of one or more personal days to ensure that all necessary work and responsibilities can proceed in their absence.
- 3b) Delete last sentence.
- 6b) Delete

3dd) Delete the "abuse of sick leave" clause.

The motion was seconded by Keone and passed unanimously.

Data Back-up

NEMRC, who provides our software for the Town Clerk's data handling, is offering a back-up service for \$515 per year for town records and a similar amount for Lister's records. We postpone taking action on this and will talk with Donna and Jethro re the possibility of our doing our own back-up.

Glover Sewer System

There are several clean out and pressure relief chambers between Glover and Barton which should be checked periodically. One of our employees needs to be certified to work on the sewer system. Andy will acquire the necessary information re training for certification.

Charles Evans met with us to discuss the possibility of the new West Glover sewer line crossing his land. We do have the option of following Bean Hill road all the way to Rte. 16, but it is longer and the engineering is more problematic. Mr. Evans has several requests. He would want a contract with several provisions that protect his property. He

will provide us with a copy of his requests. He also wants to resolve the property line issue which involves the small proposed Park and Ride lot on his side of Bean Hill Road. We will determine the proper location of the line and move the lot if the line is closer to the road than we thought. We are inclined at this point to move the Park and Ride to an extension of the existing parking in front of the municipal building.

Town Reports

We agree to print some additional reports to have them available for seasonal residents.

Web Site

We agree that the Events Calendar on our web site should be limited to not-for-profit community events. Local businesses are invited to buy (for a nominal fee) advertising space. Those wishing to have events posted on the calendar, or who wish to purchase ad space, should contact Jethro Hayman at NEK Info.

Recycling

We agree that any proceeds from our recycling program (e.g., from our selling scrap metal to All Metals in Morrisville) should be used to offset the costs of running the program. This could result in a reduction of this line item in next year's budget.

We also agree to have two hazardous waste collection days at New England Waste Services (the former Cassella) in Coventry. The dates will be Saturday, May 24, and Saturday, October 18, from 8:30am to 11:30am on each day.

Miscellaneous

Other routine clerical and administrative matters were attended to.

Adjourned at 9:30pm.