

**TOWN OF GLOVER, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING
GLOVER MUNICIPAL BUILDING
April 21, 2011**

Officers Present: Jason Choquette-Selectman, Tara Nelson-Selectperson, Bucky Shelton-Select Chairman and April Bodette-Board Clerk.

Guests Present: Harvey Dunbar, Richard Epinette, Gary Leach, Nickolas Ecker-Racz and Jethro Hayman

1. Bucky called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. Those present at the meeting were introduced
3. Review and signing of the orders is done
4. To open the meeting the previous minutes are read and asked those attending the meeting if anyone had comments or concerns and this is the time for discussion. Mr. Ecker-Racz had a comment about the sheriff's department but the board suggests that this topic is on the agenda and that they could discuss this issue at that time if that is okay, Mr. Ecker-Racz agreed. A motion was made by Bucky to except the minutes and Tara seconds that motion.
5. A).Harvey attends a meeting on the new sign regulations and one of the topics brought up was about towns that contract with sheriff's departments, like Glover. The sheriff's department is supposed to check the road policies to enforce the speed limits. The speed limits need to be in the road policies if they are going to enforce them. He comments on the beach speed limits, he thought during the off season that 15 miles per hour was a speed limit that was not accurate; however Mr. Dunbar thought that it might be a good thing during the summer. Mr. Dunbar also makes a good point that the speed limit signs

going one way around Shadow Lake are 15 miles per hour and coming the other way the speed limit is 35 miles per hour. Mr. Shelton inquires which way the speed is 15 mph. and Mr. Dunbar says going in it is 15mph. and coming back is 35 mph. Mr. Ecker-Racz says that the beach ordinance had posted these limits because of cars parking in the road prior to Mr. Steven Brown letting the town build the parking lot across the road from the beach. Mr. Ecker-Racz says there is an excepted standard speed limit for a third class and for roads that is 35 mph unless otherwise specified and that's a given. Mr. Dunbar says the state says its 50 mph unless otherwise posted. Mr. Ecker-Racz says that if the current board were to go back they will find that there is a select board minute and decision that 35 mph will be posted exclusive unless otherwise posted. The board thought they would go out to Shadow Lake to look at this situation. Mr. Dunbar also spoke with Pike about the water pipes that run under route 16 pre-construction of repaving this highway. Harvey asks Pike construction if it would be Pikes responsibility if damage is done to those water pipes. Pike said no that it will be the Water Company that owns the water pipes. Mr. Dunbar has spoke to Michael Ladd and the engineer and Mr. Ladd told Mr. Dunbar that his water line and the church water line are new, about 20 years old, and they ran their lines through conduit pipe. The rest of the water lines Mr. Dunbar are not sure how old they might be. Mr. Dunbar says that the engineer will talk with Mr. Ladd and James Currier again about the concern of damaging the water system. Mr. Dunbar thinks that if the water lines are damaged during road constructions that it is going to cause a mess and that Pike is not going to be very happy to have to wait for the Glover Water Company to fix them. Mr. Dunbar says that Brian Hansen was at this same meeting and says he will mark the water lines that are under route 16. Mr. Dunbar also asks about whether the

town of Glover ever gets a permit or an application for events like Glover Day when the traffic is being altered even though traffic is not stopped or changed. Mr. Ecker-Racz thought they have always talked informally with Dale Perron about these kinds of events. Mr. Dunbar's concern was that any time the highway is being partially used, like when used during Glover Day, the town should apply for these kinds of events. At that point, Ms. Nelson, in brief brought it to the attention of Richard Epinette (GREC member) that this day would be a good time to schedule the new sheriff's department, but they would like this scheduled ahead of time. Mr. Epinette thought this would be a good spot to have the presents of the sheriff's department for a few hours. Another informed piece of information that Mr. Dunbar shares with the board that as of December 31, 2011 the road crew are to be wearing jackets, vests or tee shirts with the reflector stripes (highway safety clothing). Next, Mr. Dunbar asks the board where the town is getting their sand and how much they want to get. Mr. Choquette says he spoke with Dick Thompson about getting sand and Mr. Thompson gave a price of \$1.50 a yard and Mr. Choquette also spoke with Pat Thompson and he quotes a price of \$1.90 a yard. Mr. Choquette calls Dick Thompson back to say the town will buy 4000 yards and if this is okay and Dick Thompson said yes to this verbal agreement. About two weeks later Dick Thompson drives to Mr. Choquettes home to let him know that the price of the sand went up, but he did not tell Mr. Choquette how much the new price is and Mr. Choquette did not ask. Dick Thompson also requests that the town crew not make a mess in his pit. At this point Mr. Choquette has not had the time to talk with Pat Thompson again to ask if he is interested in working with the town to sell the sand for \$1.50 a yard. Mr. Choquette says that the town has put sand in the budget for a \$1.50 per yard of sand. However, Mr.

Choquette wants to look at both pits to make sure the quality of the sand is even worth any money. Mr. Shelton asks if Keone Maher's sand is of good quality, and Mr. Dunbar says that he has checked the sand supply in this pit, but what he could see was a lot of over burden, not unless the sand is farther back in the pit. Mr. Dunbar says the town has a budget of \$10,000 for sand which includes screening and the town last year uses 4500 yards, but it seems like we used more sand this year. That is when Mr. Ecker-Racz makes the comment that the road crew sands the roads in the beginning of the snow seasons at any little snow fall. He says you never see so much sand on the roads, but halfway through the winter, as the road crew notice the sand pile is low they slow down. Mr. Dunbar gave a reason why they sand early in the year like they do, it is because the temperatures are warm and it makes for slippery road conditions. When it gets cold, below zero, that's when we sand less, it's not as slippery at this temperature Mr. Dunbar states. A question is asked if the sand is sharp ground sand or just screened sand and Mr. Dunbar says that is was just screen sand. The road crew, in the past, has gotten the sand out of the Glover gravel pit and they tried last year, but Mr. Dunbar says that it's just too stony. This brought up the discussion of Erik Porter, who wants to sell a 10 acre piece of land that abuts the now town gravel pit. Mr. Dunbar has spoke with Mr. Porter and asks him if any test holes have been done to this piece of land to test for gravel, and Mr. Porter says no. Mr. Dunbar did not know what is in this partial for gravel use, and he personally states that he would not want to buy it without having it tested. Mr. Ecker-Racz asks if Mr. Porter has a price for the land, but Mr. Porter has not given the town a price. Mr. Ecker-Racz thought the little bit of timbers cut from the land would help offset the expense. Mr. Shelton thought sooner than later they should walk this piece of land. Mr.

Shelton asks if there is anything more and Mr. Dunbar asks about the money that is budgeted for the sweeper, and if he could go and get this equipment at some point. The board said yes to go ahead. This brought up an incident that happened a couple weeks ago after one of the last snow storms. Jim (road crew) came down Shadow lake road plowing and it was slushy. The dirty, slushy snow was plowed by the house of a citizen in town who lives at the bottom of Shadow Lake road and was apparently upset with the plow crew. The citizen, as he approached the sand pit, near T-boned Mr. Dunbar in his truck. The citizen than drove down into the sand pit, where Jim (town employee) was dumping the left over sand in his truck and the citizen jumped up on the town plow truck to accost Jim. The citizen accused Jim of driving 60 miles an hour past his house and spraying it with the dirt and sand from the road. The citizen wanted the town to clean the sand from his property within the next two weeks. Mr. Dunbar could not see how the slush could have reached his house because of the fencing that is in front of the home. Mr. Ecker-Racz suggests that the town put a restraining order on this citizen and spoke of other threats and incidents that have happened between this same citizen and the town employees. Mr. Ecker-Racz also suggested surveillance cameras for the garage grounds as well because some scrap metal rims that were placed outside of the garage since the above incident have been stolen.

5. B). GREC members are present, Richard Epinette and Jethro Hayman to represent their idea of getting power and water to the ball fields that would plumb the small building that snacks are sold out of during game time. GREC asks permission to cross the gravel pit road with both the water and power. Both of these utilities now sit to the right hand side a top of the hill of entering the gravel pit road. GREC would need to dig a trench from the

power and water site to get both to the ball fields and want to coordinate efforts with the town to do the big dig. GREC will hire the small work done by someone that has smaller excavating equipment. GREC has raised enough money to do this project. The hopes is to have 200 amp power that can power the shed, lights for night time games on the field, a pavilion, to hold concerts, for an ice rink and there are a million possibilities with power and water Mr. Hayman states. Mr. Epinette asked about the excavator and if the town owns it and Ms. Nelson replied that they do. Mr. Epinette would like to ask and hire the town to do the work. Mr. Dunbar says it is a small project and this is a good time of year to do it. Mr. Dunbar says to call dig safe. That brought up that the town is suppose to call dig safe every time a sign is put up 48 hours before they do this kind of work. Mr. Shelton thought GREC's work would take a half of a day and suggests that GREC coordinate with Mr. Dunbar and work together. Mr. Epinette says GREC will get the material to do the work. Mr. Hayman thanks the board and will be in touch with Mr. Dunbar.

6. Mr. Ecker-Racz asks if the board had a copy of the town highway status. Mr. Ecker-Racz wants the board to have it brought back to their attention about the discontinuing of town highways and that there are several of them. There are two or three that the board need to make a decision about. Like cemetery loop that is being maintained as a third class road, but this road needs to be re-classified if the town wants to keep maintaining it. Mr. Ecker-Racz says to make sure not to let the mass discontinuance pass the dead line because it will make more trouble than its worth, the board may have a year or so but this kind of thing takes time with the warnings and a public hearings and so on. Mr. Shelton wants to put this issue on the agenda for another or next meeting. Tara thanks Mr. Ecker-Racz for bringing it back to their attention. Mr. Ecker-Racz shows concern that the sheriff's

department, would they need to have two as a back-up like in previous request of the town constable/sheriff that lives in town. That town constable was asked to go with one of the board members to the beach to break up a noisy crowd late at night and that constable said he could not because he needs backup. Mr. Ecker-Racz questions also about adopting a highway and to make sure it is all it has to merit. Mr. Ecker-Racz wants to make sure that the junk yard ordinance is being enforced because a concern with a certain citizen has come into view again, the town has had a problem with this certain citizen in the past and they may need to have that person caution the problem again. Mr. Ecker-Racz thought that buying the extra land being sold to Glover from Erik Porter would benefit the town at the least for recreation.

7. The plowing sheet was review for March. Years ago, the board was being asked by the people in the town how much time was being spent plowing the school yard. It is now being kept track of, her time spent plowing and maintaining winter road at the school is separate and the school budgets that amount of money to pay the town for that cost.
8. A calendar from the Orleans County Sheriff's Department is review by the board. A letter was attached explaining the versatility of the hours spent in the town. 3hours a week for April up until Memorial Day weekend and at that point 9 hours a week will be spent in town during June, July, and August. Mr. Shelton would like to know where they are going to be during those hours. Mr. Epinette would like to have the sheriff's department from 8:00 to 11:00 on Glover Day. Tara will get a hold of Mr. Brooks to let him know that GREC is interested in having them present. Gary Leach enters the meeting and he is told that the meetings are now being recorded. Mr. Leach tells the board that a West Glover man hole that was fixed last year is leaking badly. Mr. Leach says that it is not anything

that was not done properly. The man holes are 25-30 years old so they need to be updated. Ms. Nelson asked why it was not done the first time when being worked on last year. Mr. Leach says, well, we did not realize it would be that deep, we usually can go in and do a clean them out project and because they dewatered that thing.... they did everything they need too. Mr. Leach says that the grant will take care of this next expense. The frost action created this problem. Mr. Leach has information about the tanks needed for an odor problem from the sewer system. The board approved for tanks to be bought. The \$6511.00 cost was again, covered under the grant money for the sewer project. The town garage will house the largest tank which will hold the deodorizer material. The other two tanks will be at two different other locations and a third tank will be to load the solution from the large tank and haul it to the other sites. Glen Lafont will haul the tank to re-fill. The engineer thought that the fire department, when it was plumbed, never put a sewer trap in and this is the main source of the order. Safety wise, the engineer thought it would be smart to cut out the floor of the fire station and go in to put a trap in the system. The board signed an agreement to allow the tanks to be bought. The board asks Mr. Leach about Patricia Russell's sewer bill and Mr. Nelson says that she never did bring in her water meter readings. The board would like to find out at the state exactly what she is paying and using for water, the board thought that this is public knowledge. A well over flow is a problem and needs to be fixed Mr. Leach say. Mr. Leach wrote a letter to warn citizens in the town that the sewer system will be smoked tested. The last time people were getting smoke in their house and complaining, but this means that the houses that have smoke getting in, have a very serious plumbing problem and sewer gases are enter their home which could potentially be of danger to their health. Mr. Leach says that he did

not have the FEMA information because they have to have a licensed surveyor to do the work that needs to be done at the home on Lake Parker and when he made contact with this surveyor he was just leaving town for a while.

9. A motion was made to go into executive session at 8:21 by Tara Nelson and Bucky Shelton seconded that motion. The executive session was for contractual issues. Ms. Nelson, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Choquette and Gary Leach are in attendance of this meeting.
10. Bob Johnson's email – this was looked at last meeting so nothing was needed for this order of business. A liquor license for the Lake Parker Country Store, a tobacco license, a liquor license for Parker Pie Restaurant was all signed with the liquor license of P.P. restaurant having a contingency plan for parking attached to the signed license. A discussion formed after attention is brought to the board by the town attorney, Sarah Davis. She suggests if there is not yet an affirm plan for the parker issue at P.P. than a note attached or written on the liquor license saying something as such: As of June 1st the Glover Select Board needs an up to date happenings about the issue. By doing this it will protect the board from lawsuit of anyone injured. If the board chooses not to attach or place a note to the license than the whole issue can be lost and the establishment will not have to do anything about it says Ms. Davis via a select person. Mr. Shelton asked if Ms. Davis would write this note but Ms. Davis is out of town and the license needs to be signed. The board took it upon themselves to write a small note on the license. Mr. Shelton thinks Parker Pie is working on the issue but has yet been able to complete the plan at this time. Mr. Shelton has confidence that it will be taken care of by the company. Mr. Choquette thinks the committee that was established will take the burden off the board members. The hope is that the community will make contact with the committee to solve

problems. The board wonders if this committee has even been able to meet. Mr. Shelton did think that the plan for the parking issue it is not black and white and agreed to attach the letter to the liquor license. The caterer's license that Parker Pie submits did not make sense to the board members. It looked like paper work that is used at each event they cater too so they were going to make contact with P.P. to get the correct license to sign.

11. A road permit from Gould Well Drilling, Inc., (transportation of heavy equipment across town roads), household hazardous waste event (May 14th & October 8th) both of which were signed. A rate bidding was looked at for roadside mowing submitted by Patenaude Bush Hogging. Erik Porters land for sale was discussed earlier and Ami English submitted a proposal for a change at green up day which is signed and approved.

12. Bucky Shelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 and Jason Choquette seconded that motion.

Approved date of next meeting: Thursday May 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Bodette, Board Clerk

Bucky Shelton, Select Board Chair

Tara Nelson, Selectperson

Jason Choquette, Selectman