

**TOWN OF GLOVER, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING
GLOVER MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JULY 16, 2009**

Officers Present: Jason Choquette-Select Board Chair, Tara Nelson-Selectperson/Board Clerk, Bucky Shelton-Selectman, Donna Sweeney-Town Clerk, Harvey Dunbar-Road Foreman

Guests Present: Nick Ecker-Racz, Gary Leach, Mark Sanville, Linda Gilman, Bethany Dunbar, Bill May

1. Jason called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.
2. Nick Ecker-Racz informed the board he is available for roadside mowing. He charges \$65 per hour. The board will discuss roadside mowing later in the meeting. Nick also suggested the board re-explore purchasing a waste oil furnace for the town garage.
3. Linda Gilman represented the Shadow Lake Association with questions and concerns regarding the lake.
 - A. A new fence around the beach with a gate that can be closed and locked would be helpful. The gate could be closed at 10:00 p.m. and opened at 6:00 a.m. Jason asked who would be responsible for locking and unlocking the gate. Linda replied that members of the association could be responsible for this. Linda wondered if there are grants available for the cost of the fence.
 - B. Linda wondered if the town could fill in the “hole” in the parking lot across from the beach. This may prevent cars from parking in the road, which is a hazard. She suggested keeping a couple of parking spaces near the gate and making them handicapped accessible, and eliminating the spaces further from the gate.
 - C. The association has new signs stating the hours the beach is open. Enforcing this is the problem. Jason suggested the association look into contracting with the Sheriff’s Department for enforcement.
 - D. The board approved Linda’s request to install grills near the picnic tables.
 - E. The association is concerned about the condition of the outlet. Trees were cut and left there and the fence is in poor condition. The association is willing to help the town clean the outlet out. Jason would like to see the state report before moving ahead. Tara and Bucky agreed.
 - F. Linda suggested amending the beach ordinance to prohibit dogs from the beach.

- G. Linda asked what needed to be done to decrease the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph from Stone Shore Road to Leland Lane. Donna replied that a petition with 5% of the legal voters would need to be filed in order to begin amending the ordinance. Bill May also stated that the town would need to do a highway study. Harvey said he is opposed to decreasing the speed limit. He feels 35 mph is slow enough for that road. Linda stated the association is very willing to help out with any of the concerns she presented.
4. Gary Leach and Mark Sanville presented an update of the sewer project and discussed the pipe installation issues.
- A. Gary said that as of today, the pump stations are 85% complete. The electrician and generator representative will be at the site Monday. The pump supplier will be at the site Tuesday to test the pumps. The force main passed the pressure testing at 150 pounds; the maximum pressure while operating will be 50 pounds.
- B. The broken pipes and leaks have been fixed. The contractor agreed the pipes broke due to how the backfill was compacted with the excavator. It was previously thought that improper bedding was the result of the broken pipe. There is an area where Twin State Site Work did not use bedding (sand) for the pipe. Tara asked where that area was. Mark said it was from the bottom of the hill in West Glover to the “Welcome to West Glover” sign. A third party engineer (Tim Ruggles) was present when test pits were dug to see what type of bedding was installed. His report coincides with Mark’s estimate of where the improper bedding was used. Based on their examination of the broken pipes, Mark and Gary both think most of the breakage was from the compactor. Jason said that some of the broken pipe looks like it was from large rocks, and they agreed as well. Tara asked if the top soil was screened, according to the plans. Tara asked if Twin State was still planning on replacing the pipe from the bottom of the hill to Lucy Smith’s. Gary said this will be discussed at the next progress meeting on Tuesday. There were 7 leaks in this area, and the board is concerned about the condition of the pipe that wasn’t replaced.
- C. Gary discussed having the pipe televised to see if there are any small cracks that could cause problems later. The board thinks this would be a good idea. Twin State is also willing to discuss a 5 year warranty on the work. The board said this would be great, as long as Twin State doesn’t close down in the next 5 years. Gary said another option would be for Twin State to put money in escrow to cover any potential expenses. Gary said this would be easier than a bond, as the town would need to sue to get payment from a bond.
- D. Harvey asked if there could be a generator for the old pump (on Route 16). There is only about 4 hours of storage. Gary said he could ask Jonathan Harries from USDA on Tuesday.

- E. Gary said an option for the Union House would be to put in a septic tank there which will “catch” any non-flushable items before they enter the sewer system.
 - F. Donna asked who would maintain the system. Gary has talked to two companies and he is waiting to hear back from them. Harvey said the old pump needs to be looked at often.
 - G. Harvey will deliver a culvert to Bean Hill Road (near Larose Lane) so Twin State can install it.
 - H. Gary is assessing how far behind schedule Twin State is so he can adjust their next payment request. Jason asked about Leach Engineering’s extra costs. Gary said he needs to figure out how much time was spent on defective work, which Twin State will be responsible for. Tara suggested looking at the contract between the Town of Glover and Leach Engineering to see how much was to be paid for engineering services.
 - I. Mark said he has started assessing road damage. Twin State will be responsible for some of the damage.
 - J. Harvey asked if the excess grant money was still going to be used to extend the sewer line down Parker Road. The board is going to address this later. Gary said it can be put out to bid and done next summer.
 - K. Tara thanked Mark for keeping her updated over the last couple of weeks. He provided updates, whether it was good or bad.
5. Harvey presented a road update.
- A. The road crew should be working on Dexter Mountain Road for another week. Jason suggested renting a roller to pack down the material on Dexter Mountain when they are finished with the road upgrades. Harvey will look into this.
 - B. Harvey would like to rent the excavator for another month. After discussion, the board approved this for \$3,700.
 - C. The town will receive \$2,300 in FEMA funds, \$7,000 in Better Back Roads funds. Pike is also donating the pavement for the Park and Ride.
 - D. After a discussion on roadside mowing, the board decided to hire Russell Guyer at a rate of \$70 per hour.
6. The board approved the tax rate of 1.6386 for homestead and 1.8682 for non-resident.
7. The town should receive quarterly town highway aid of \$27,954.35 sometime after July 15, 2009.

8. The board will discuss the Vermont League of Cities and Towns letter regarding the hazard identification survey.
9. The board will address throwing up a portion of Monette Place when the Ancient Road Grant program is discussed.
10. Orders were signed.
11. Minutes were approved.
12. Jason motioned to adjourn at 9:58 p.m.

Approved date of next meeting: Thursday August 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Nelson, Board Clerk

Jason Choquette, Select Board Chair

Tara Nelson, Selectperson

Bucky Shelton, Selectman