

**TOWN OF GLOVER, VERMONT
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
GLOVER MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JUNE 11, 2009**

Officers Present: Jason Choquette-Select Board Chair, Tara Nelson-
Selectwoman/Board Clerk, Bucky Shelton-Selectman, Donna
Sweeney-Town Clerk

Guests Present: John Urie, Pearl Urie

1. Jason called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. The select board discussed the proposed (new) sewer bond for Lake Parker. Tara shared information from her conversation with J. Paul Giuliani, the lawyer who works with the bond process. He said it is rare for Vermont towns to dip into the general fund for sewer funds. It can legally be done if the select board does a general benefit assessment; meaning it proves that the whole town benefits from the project. The rates need to be equitable, fair and rational. Mr. Giuliani said that the town should work toward not polluting public waters, but the town also should have a good handle of the current sewer project. Tara said she has concerns about the current system, as it is not yet complete and we don't have a true picture of the operation and maintenance cost. Tara also said the economic downturn is another concern. It's difficult to support a bond when people are losing jobs and taking pay cuts. She said it would be like going to a bank for a loan when you knew you couldn't really afford it. Mr. Giuliani said the questions the board raises is a good indication that the board should slow down.
3. John Urie stated that the lake is cleaner than it has been in the past; mainly because manure isn't running into it. Pearl Urie stated that another bond now would be bad timing.
4. Donna stated that there are currently 28 delinquent sewer users, which are 15 more than last year at this time. Delinquent taxes are up about \$10,000.
5. The board made a list of the pros and cons of going forward with another sewer bond in the immediate future.
 - A. The following pros were stated:
 1. The water quality of the lake would most likely improve.
 2. The grant opportunity is attractive because of the low interest.
 - B. The following cons were stated:

1. The current system is not done. The board has no definite figure on operation and maintenance.
 2. The board should have a maintenance plan in place, but they are still trying to obtain information from the engineer regarding this.
 3. The board is reluctant about putting the town in debt more than it already is. The town currently pays a school bond and a sewer bond. The town also has a road rebuilding plan that it wants to keep continuing, and the town office will most likely need a new roof in the next couple of years. The town is also re-paving County Road this summer.
 4. The number of delinquent sewer users is 15 more than a year ago at this time. A new bond will increase sewer rates substantially, and/or increase taxes.
 5. The fact that the board needs to make an immediate decision sends out a red flag.
 6. The question of forcing residents to hook up to the system is bothersome to the board.
 7. Barton is in the process of upgrading their sewer system. This will probably affect Glover because Glover's system flows into Barton's system.
6. Bucky said he will go on record as agreeing to the fact that work needs to be done around Lake Parker, but it is bad timing. Jason and Tara agreed.
 7. Pearl suggested that the board attend the next Lake Parker Association meeting to discuss what the future needs may be. She will let Donna know when the next meeting is.
 8. Jason, Tara and Bucky voted to put the Lake Parker project on hold and concentrate on the current sewer project.
 9. Orders were signed.
 10. Minutes were approved.
 11. Jason made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

Approved date of next meeting: June 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Nelson, Board Clerk

Jason Choquette, Select Board Chair

Tara Nelson, Selectwoman

Bucky Shelton, Selectman