

**TOWN OF GLOVER, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING
GLOVER MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 7, 2010**

Officers Present: Tara Nelson-Selectperson/Board Clerk, Bucky Shelton-Selectman

Guests Present: Ken Trask, Glenn Lafont, Adam Heuslein, Sue Gibeault, April Bodette, Betty Leroy, Lorna Higgs

1. Bucky called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Ken Trask from Leach Engineering was present to discuss the sewer problems.
 - A. On October 1, 2010 during the heavy rain, 40,000 gallons of water was pumped out of the Route 16 pump station by Taplin's. There was also a manhole with sewer coming out of it. Glenn Lafont spent a lot of time at the pump station that day. Possible places where the water came from are sump pumps, cellar drains, manhole covers knocked off, watertight covers not sealed, sewer breaks, overflows, catch basins or services. Another possibility is a plug somewhere in the sewer line. When the flow of the pump station increased during the heavy rain, both pumps came on, possibly creating a temporary plugging of the force main by scouring enough solids. This would reduce the out put of the pumps, which could cause them to run at a lower flow rate and higher pressure. With the output reduced, the wet well at the pump station filled up. At some point while Taplin's was pumping out the wet well, the plug let go. The combination of Taplin's hauling the wastewater and the increased output of the pumps resulted in the backed-up system being cleaned out. Ken recommends performing a drawdown test of the pumps to confirm pump output, as well as measuring the actual amp draw. He also recommends installing a pressure gauge on the discharge piping in the valve manhole to monitor the pressure in the force main. The third recommendation is to have Vermont Rural Water perform a "smoke test" on the entire sewer system. This can identify any places where water is coming into the sewer system. Ken will follow up on these recommendations.
 - B. Ken looked into the cost of a "Super Shredder". The pumps keep shorting out from non-flushable items being flushed into the sewer system (rubber gloves, diapers, wipes, etc.) The cost of the shredder is \$30,000 plus installation and electric work. Tara asked if Jon Harries would consider this for USDA-RD funding, as the town still has grant money left over from the sewer project. Ken said this may be possible, and the town may consider putting in a new application. Ken is in the process of tracking down references on the shredder.
 - C. Ken is also working on an odor control solution. One option is an attachment to the valves. Another option is a chemical feed pump. Bioxide would be pumped

into the system to eliminate the odor. The odor is the result of low flow. The flow is about half what it was expected to be.

- D. Adam asked Ken what was installed underground in the area that is the only access to the former West Glover leach field. Ken will contact Mark Sanville for more information on this.
 - E. The select board thanked Glenn for the time he has put into the sewer issues.
3. Betty Leroy was present to thank the town for supporting the Area Agency on Aging. Betty said she would like to hear any ideas on how to work with the people that need the help. The program is not income sensitive; it is based on need. The select board will keep this in mind, adding that Donna may also be a good resource.
 4. Lorna Higgs from NVDA was present to discuss the planning grant for second homeowners. The town applied for the grant and NVDA is administering the grant. Bucky signed the grant agreement. The grant is for \$28,500. There are two pages Jason needs to sign, which Bucky will follow up on.
 5. April Bodette was present to discuss a project she is working on for Springfield College. This project will extend beyond her graduation date in the spring. April and her project partner are looking at establishing a housing program for offenders who have been released from prison. The housing program would provide 24 hour supervision. Offenders are often released from prison with no place to live, no identity (driver's license, etc.), or other services which could help them succeed. She isn't sure which town the housing program would be located, as she has just started looking at property options. Once the program was started, it could be turned over to an agency such as Northeast Kingdom Human Services. Visiting the local select boards is her first step in getting the word out about this project.
 6. Sue and the select board discussed compensation for her duties as town health officer. In the past, it has been a volunteer position. The select board agreed with Sue that some compensation should be offered. The select board offered Sue \$10 per hour, which is the same rate the constable makes. The rate of pay can be discussed again during budgeting time. Sue accepted \$10 per hour. She will attend a health officer training on November 4, 2010 in Lyndonville.
 7. Adam discussed the town property (old leach field) near the ambulance building. He is wondering if the town would consider dividing the property and keeping part of it for ambulance use. Adam is planning for a possible future expansion/new building. He has considered other properties. Bucky said the board would like to hear what the ambulance has planned before selling all or part of the property. Adam is concerned about the river and the underground sewer/propane connections. Mark Sanville from Leach Engineering would be the best person to talk to about the sewer/propane connections.

8. Adam has heard that some West Glover residents are sending letters to the Barton Postmaster regarding the mail boxes (near the ambulance building) being blocked. Cars often park in the lot.
9. Adam discussed National Incident Management System (NIMS) certification for town officials. FEMA recommends elected officials complete the NIMS training course. Bucky said he would be willing to work on this.
10. Bucky would like to approve payment to Neil Faulkner for the remainder of what is due for the well drilling at the town office/fire department. At issue was the fact that the town never received a serial number for the pump. Neil said he does not have a serial number and he has provided the town with a letter of warranty. Bucky and Tara approved payment.
11. Bucky said he called Mike Stanley. Mike is the person that Nick Ecker-Racz said was interested in purchasing the town property on Duck Pond Road. Mike said he already owns the property. He would be willing to purchase it from the town if the town can prove it owns the property.
12. There is a question as to who owns the topsoil that was near Larose Lane. Harvey has moved it because he (and the select board) thought it belonged to the town. Bucky will contact Tony Menard and find out if the topsoil came from a residence or if Tony trucked it in when he was working on the individual grinder pumps last year.
13. The select board received a copy of a letter to Natalie Hormilla Gordon (Glover Group) from Martial and Alicia Major. This letter is in response to a letter Natalie sent to the Majors asking for their cooperation with their well. The Majors addressed their many concerns about the impact Parker Pie has had on their quality of life. The select board takes this letter very seriously and is concerned about the issues raised by the Majors.
14. The board reviewed information regarding Nathaniel Gordon's approval from the Public Service Board to install a wind turbine.
15. The board reviewed a letter from VLCT regarding their policies.
16. Bucky signed an excess weight permit for United Natural Foods.
17. Orders were signed.
18. Minutes were approved.
19. Bucky made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Nelson, Board Clerk

Jason Choquette, Select Board Chair

Tara Nelson, Selectperson

Bucky Shelton, Selectman