

**TOWN OF GLOVER, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD MEETING
GLOVER MUNICIPAL BUILDING
September 1, 2011**

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

Guest Present: Harvey Dunbar, Danielle Aldrich, Rod Aldrich, Pete Letzelter-Smith, Juanita Snider, Jim Pohlman and Donna Sweeney.

1. Bucky Shelton called the meeting to order at 6:30.
2. Introduction of those present by chairman.
3. Reading and approval of minutes from previous meeting August 14th and 18th.
4. Ms. Aldrich was introduced by Donna Sweeney to take the place of Don Atkins. Mr. Atkins is the janitor and grounds keeper for the town office buildings. This is a temporary position until Mr. Atkins has his surgery; however, Ms. Aldrich would be interested if the board needs to replace Mr. Atkins because of health issues. It was agreed to pay Ms. Aldrich the same wages as Mr. Atkins. The part time hours for this position are Wednesday night, for 1 hour, Sunday, for 2 hours and the lawn mowing. The hours vary. **Action taken:** The board moved to hire Ms. Aldrich for the short term position and pay her \$10.03 per hour and supply the gas for their lawn mower. Ms. Aldrich will start September, 2011.
5. Mr. Letzelter-Smith from the Planning Commission. It is time to re-adopt the town plan and Mr. Letzelter-Smith says there will not be any changes to the plan and want to re-adopt what they already have. The board needs to give a public warning 30 days prior to re-adoption plan. Mr. Letzelter-Smith wrote the Village Center Plan and it has stopped at the business in town named The Red Sky. Mr. Letzelter-Smith would like

to provide pedestrian access to the other two businesses that are located south out of town. As part of the town plan, the piece of property that the town owns but no longer uses is the old leach field in West Glover. The planning commission was exploring the possibilities of this property as being a recreational/picnic area with a play ground. Mr. Letzelter-Smith was concerned that other people in town were interested in purchasing this parcel of land and before it was sold, the planning commission would like the idea warned at town meeting with the idea that it would be re-designed into a community park. **Action Taken:** The board will warn the public of the re-adoption for the current plan as it is. **Note to board members: A month before Town meeting you need to warn the re-classification of roads, deeding back the property to Robert Theatralt and the West Glover property (leach field), a Planning Commission design for a community park.**

6. **Harvey Dunbar-** First the board wanted to thank Mr. Dunbar for going out in the storm watching for road damage and the rest of the road crew for all the time and hard work after the rains from Hurricane Irene. Also, the board wanted to thank the fire department for going out into the storm, pumping out basements and telling people if they wanted to evacuate they would help them leave. The board also what'd to thank the Ambulance Squad for the same considerations and Donna Sweeney for taking all the phone calls that was coming in. Mr. Shelton also added that he thought that all work of crowning and ditching the road in the past couple of years paid off in this storm. Thanks to all the volunteers and town employees!

-Mr. Dunbar continued with the roads that got damaged. Sand Hill road which was worked on the week before the heavy rain was one that was damaged. Mr. Dunbar said there was

only one fix for that road which was to put a four foot pipe at the top of it to direct the water when it rains like it did. The road side ditching eroded up to eight foot deep. A larger culvert pipe will cost \$1500.00 but as it is right now, an 18" pipe can't take much rain. The culverts are still there but the water over filled the small pipe and found an alternate path to take creating giant ruts. No one will be going up this road way any time soon. It's a 4th class road so there is only some much money the board wants to put into it. -Another 4th class road that proved to aid in damaging Cemetery Loop road was Borland Road (Serverior Hill). The runoff from Borland Road, (Serverior Hill) tore up Cemetery Loop putting all its gravel in Parker Lake road. All the complicated road damage projects have been completed. Mr. Dunbar asked the board if they should clean up Donald King's yard from the gravel that ran off the road onto his property. -Barry Cahoon came to look at Rodgers Road which has been a problem and was a great worry to Mr. Dunbar during the rain storm. The project is going to cost \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 to put in what is suppose to be there. Mr. Dunbar is still waiting to hear from FEMA for funding from the last damage done by Mother Nature. FEMA will fund replacement cost of what was lost in the disaster. What needs to go into Rodgers Road water way is a ten foot wide squash culvert which is huge. Mr. Cahoon suggested that the town go through the Bridges and Structures Projects to get financial help. The board needs to apply for it in the spring through Dale Perron. Even if this large project is considered, the road crew needs to put some blocks into place to shore it up for the winter time. Mr. Dunbar asked permission to purchase a \$1000.00 worth of blocks to do so. -Winter sand- Mr. Dunbar asks again if the board has made any price agreement for the town winter sand. The board had not yet been able to contact the sand pit owner about price for the winter sand. Jason Choquette found a screen to rent to screen the sand and will get in contact

with that person. Mr. Dunbar wants to start winter sand and screening on September 10th. – The quote came in for repair work/ spot paving Perron Hill. However, the quote came in not including the worst of the road which is past the Normand Perron farm residence. **Action Taken:** The board thought that cleaning up Mr. King's yard would be a good idea, permission was given to buy the blocks for Rodgers Road, the board will research price for winter sand and to rent a screen and the paving company will be contacted to re-estimate the spot paving on Perron Hill.

5. **Executive session**– The board went into executive session at 19:07pm

On November 3rd, 2011-Town employees will be invited to attend the meeting for another executive session.

-Cemetery-Mr. Dunbar was wondering what had been done for work on the new cemetery and what was done as far as the \$5,000.00 allotted for improvements on the cemetery.

Donna- How much money is left of the \$5000.00, and what work was done at the new cemetery sight?

6. **A letter**- was reviewed from PSI thanking the board for considering to pay the latest bill from their company and understood the reasons why the board chose not to pay the bill. PSI insured that the town was one of their valued customers and look forward in working with them in the future.

7. **New Business**-Allen Mathews had to use his own pump to remove the water that was in the basement of the town clerk's office. Allen said the town's sub pump was not working properly and not worth fixing and that they should look into getting a new one.-**Leach**

Engineering Bill- This bill was for the Bioxide work. However, the board was supposed to be invited for the USDA final inspection and none of the board members were notified. The

board wants to know more about this bill and why they were not informed about meeting for the USDA inspection. **Over flow of the well-**An email was sent to a board member from Ken Trask about a quote for boring and Ken states that the quote was way too high. It was said that they were going to get in touch with Tony Menard and see what he thinks. The top of the cap on the well is just wet at this time, but during the winter the water that is above grade will freeze. Kent Trask will get Mark Sandville to take a look and give us an estimate to take care of this problem. **Action Taken:** The board will find a new sub pump for the town office building. The board will ask Glenn if he wants to put the manhole covers on. **Donna-**would you invite Glenn Lafont to the next meeting on September 15th to ask about the manhole covers and to check to see how everything is going for him. The board is concerned that Glenn's position was to only read the meter of the new sewer system and now he is putting a lot more time in as sewer maintenance person. The board is thinking for next year's budgeting that they should budget for another position as a maintenance person, whether that be part time is the question. **Manhole Covers-** are here and the board was asked if Glen should put them on or should Ken Trask be contacted.

-Nick Ecker-Racz called Mr. Shelton suggesting that if the town crew had the time that they could volunteer in other towns that were worse hit by the hurricane rain storm. Mr. Ecker-Racz suggests visiting www.vlct.org link to put anyone in touch with those towns in need. Mr. Shelton thought that they would ask Mr. Dunbar his comfort level in what he and his road crew have left to do for towns clean up and winter road business themselves. The board really thought that the road crew had enough to deal with and that this would put a strain on their own agenda. Mr. Ecker-Racz was again asking about cutting roadside trees and that he was getting liability insurance. The board would request anyone who contracts with the town

to carry liability insurance. Mr. Ecker-Racz would charge \$20.00 per hour and have a log truck there to place the un-limbed trees onto to haul them away to his place. Mr. Ecker-Racz would later take care of the logs. The truck would charge \$80.00 per hour. **Department of Liquor Control**-letters were sent to the board stating that both Currier's Market and Runaway Café both were in compliance with the Purchase Control Compliance Survey.

Approved date for the next meeting is for September 15, 2011 at 6:30

Respectfully submitted,

April Bodette

Bucky Shelton, Select Board Chairman

Tara Nelson, Selectperson

Jason Choquette, Selectman