

Glover Planning Commission Meeting 2-11-2016

Present: Jack Sumberg, Brian Carroll, Hope Colburn, Nick Ecker-Racz, Liz Nelson, Randy Williams, Carmella Young, Ann Creaven, Ann Lindner, Mariel Hess

Meeting was called to order at 4pm by Nick

Nick motioned to accept minutes from the last meeting. Correction to minutes from 1-21-2016 meeting: Jack stated that Ann Lindner was chair of the previous planning commission not just hazard mitigation group and that that group, with some changes in members has just rolled over into the current commission. Unanimous vote to accept corrected minutes.

Survey committee report- Ann L presented proposed survey as an attempt to gather information and ideas to be included in the town's plan. Survey will be available at town meeting. Changes: reverse order of #1 & #2, #7 insert "primary medical care". At end add location of drop boxes, hopefully Randy can add a return address label to Town Clerk. Should make reference to website for contacting committee members or selectboard without listing any phone numbers, can mail, can return to TC. Discussed how to put form on website either to download or to fill out online. Brian suggested that we could use a free service like Survey Monkey to have an online fill-in form. Randy suggested that we create an email address for the commission that is posted and linked on the Glover website. Jack said that the town has additional Comcast emails that can be created. Nick asked if intent was to create quantitative data? Ann Lindner- no intent for numbers generation. NE- do we need a statement of intent at top. Liz N suggested using the second paragraph of new plan description. NE: Should Act 46 be specifically questioned in survey? AnnL-Question 6 is intentionally vague to not be exclusive of issues. Responses could show that we need to have a special meeting on school question. LizN- we could put out a special questionnaire about education issues at town meeting. NE- would like question about public transportation. RW- could put list of issue in question 9. Liz N- should we have place for respondents to put their name, if they desire? Could add, "If you would like to become involved just contact committee..." statement. NE-maybe school could compile data. RW- We just need to contact appropriate teacher to set this up. NE-What should happen now with survey? AL-survey committee can make changes then send to committee members for finalization. JS-perhaps Randy could check out Survey Monkey to see if possible to link survey through town's website. Consensus was that town meeting would be the initial rollout for the survey. Jack suggested that we could use Recycling Center or baseball games to solicit direct feedback.

Descriptions Committee- NE submitted a brief descriptive paragraph that could be included. Some corrections were suggested. May use Survey opening descriptions. NE also submitted a list based on what the prior plan included. Might want to make reference to town's current financial responsibility or obligations for certain items. NE- what are our objectives, controls, tools for implementation. CarmelaY- this is not a plan of action, but one of possibilities and desires of issues to be addressed. NE brought up the example of a possible East West connector route to and from Glover. CY- should plan be that specific? NE- used other example of cell service upgrade. Plan could suggest parameters for

placement and look of towers. LizN- asked about how we address large energy projects. NE-Act 250 covers those issues so we don't need to address specifics.

Public meeting at Pie- current date is not available. Other suggestions: Thursday, March 10 at 5pm. AnnL will check on availability. NE suggested putting a press release or article in Chronicle describing what planning commission is doing. Carmella's committee will draw that up and submit by Feb 22 or before. Should include list of meeting dates and reference to survey at town meeting and on town website.

Task for next meeting: create outline using categories submitted and other items that have been suggested, create list of possible objectives and prioritize. HopeC- are there consequences if plan not followed, does that affect grant acquisition? RW- does PC have obligations for follow up on plan after rewrite? JS- selectboard tends to focus on issues at hand. NE- suggested Selectbrd, during budget planning, check in with PC and vice versa. NE- plan should include a couple of sentences expressing the follow up. HC- asked about getting a grant writer. Maybe need to include that in our process. RW- there are people in this community that would be willing to help with grant writing. CY-suggested adding a phrase, "if you would like to share your skill or have an interest in any future planning, please feel free to contact the Planning Commission".

Next meeting we might start to divide up into groups to get into reviewing current plan for what to include and exclude.

Nick showed NVDA regional plan, which may not have been adopted: NVDA.net Has some of the issues and verbiage that we might want to adopt. Our plan has to conform to this plan. RW- current plan states that this plan can be updated at any time. NE- must get through public hearings. BC- seems clear that commission should be an ongoing voice for the plan.

Liz asked if we need an Energy Committee? All seemed to think it is a good idea to make sure that public has the info they need to make decisions. CY- we might want to have specific committees for several issues.

Motion to adjourn- Randy- Adjourned 5:25pm

Next regular meeting is March 17 at 4 at the library

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