

Glover Planning Commission

1-21-2016 at 2pm at the Glover Public Library

Present were: Nick Ecker-Racz, Hope Coburn, Liz Nelson, Mariel Hess, Ann Creaven, Ann Lindner, Randy Williams, Carmella Young, Jack Sumberg, Mike Ladd

Ann Lindner, who had chaired the 2015 Planning Commission, called the meeting to order precisely at 2pm. She explained that that group has rolled over into this commission. She then resigned as chair. Mike Ladd acted as moderator. Nick was nominated by Ann Creaven, second Ann Lindner. No other nominations, unanimously in favor of Nick

Discuss rules- Jack and Mike explained some of the rules of the commission. Needs to have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 and selectboard are exofficio members(non-voting). The procedures for these meeting are the same as for selectboard meetings. Jack also has a list of 5 steps produced by the state to guide towns in their planning process.

Nick explained that the Commission's task is to revise the current town plan, which can be accessed on the town's website, and needs to be updated every 5 years. Some issues in the current plan have come to pass and can be eliminated.

Needed to select a clerk to take minutes of the meeting. Randy volunteered for this and the next meeting. We need to send minutes to committee members and to Donna. Jack suggested that we also include the lake association presidents.

Nick said that we need to review current plan, nothing needed by town meeting but we might want to discuss some issues at TM. Liz suggested that we might pick several topics to bring up. Mike suggested the siting of renewable energy projects. Liz mentioned that Senator John Rodgers has just presented that issue at the state house. There was discussion about publishing a schedule of meetings for the public on Glover's website and in papers.

Nick stated that we need to complete plan by end of year, which includes public meetings and select board approval.

Carmella asked if we could we come up with topics for town meeting? All agreed to try to have a list of issues to provide to town meeting. Do we want to have a subcommittee or could we narrow down issues today for town meeting?

After some discussion, a list of possible topics to present to town meeting:

1. alternative energy
2. waste disposal
3. recreation trails and areas
4. development plans
5. zoning-- could specify areas, waterfront,, could list current regulations that are in place from state, etc
6. preservation of agriculture, historic, archaeological areas
7. community health-Ann Creaven says that there is lots of community data to be accessed.
8. Community-wide calendar

Nick suggested that a small group should meet to organize and define each item on the list Carmella, Liz, Mariel volunteered. They will create a paper for TM with meeting schedule, as well as suggested topics to be addressed by the Commission. We should have one meeting in evening

and/or could have a Saturday morning meeting, Community meeting dates for general discussion were set for Tuesday, March 8 from 5:30pm dubbed as "Idea Fest" at Parker Pie Village Hall. This discussion could generate questions for a survey. Ann Lindner suggested putting an ad in Chronicle and Front Porch Forum. We should stay in touch with both lake associations with this info that we develop.

Commission meeting schedule: Feb 11, March 17 and April 21 at 4pm at the library.

Alternate chair: Randy Williams was nominated by Mariel Hess, seconded by Ann Lindner with unanimous vote

Nick - Wanted to go through Step 1- Community Assessment
He suggested that we could use school kids doing art projects with their vision of the future for Glover, businesses and organizations should be included in the discussion. Maybe we could have a party to discuss all ideas.

Maybe we could develop a survey to make it easy for people to respond to ideas

Survey- Nick thought interviews may work better than a survey. Ann Creaven and Ann Lindner will work on development written survey. Jack will try to find previous survey.

Everyone should read current plan online before next meeting. Jack says NVDA has data that he will get for us

Liz Nelson suggested that maybe we should have a separate website for Planning Commission linked through town website. Randy agreed that it was certainly possible.

Randy mentioned ANR's new Natural Resources Atlas that has a lot of great data that could be useful in our process.

After the Commission develops its plan, it needs to be unanimously approved by the Commission. Then the Selectboard approves it after holding public hearings about it

Nick commented that the plan is suggested not regulatory. VT statutes title 24, chapter 117 evidently explains the function and particulars about town plans. It would no doubt make for good bedtime reading.

Nick says that the League of Cities and Towns does have many resources for us to use. In order to get this plan done by the end of the year, we need to have revisions done by Sept 1.

Meeting was adjourned inprecisely at about 3:45. Next meeting will be Feb. 11 at 4pm at the library.

Submitted 1-27-2016 by Randy Williams