

Glover Planning Commission meeting
Unapproved minutes of 11/17/16

Present: Randy Williams, Carmela Young, Hope Colburn, Jim Bow, Ann Creaven, Mariel Hess, Elizabeth Nelson, Jack Sumberg, Brian Carroll

Randy opened the meeting at 3:11 PM.

The minutes for the 11/3/16 meeting were approved with Hope making the motion to approve, seconded by Carmela.

Randy reported that he had not yet heard back from Martha about her input for the Town Plan.

Randy spoke with David Snedeker and Jack spoke with Alison Lowe about whether or not there was an extension on the timeline for Town Plans. Both said there were no extensions and if submitted and approved towns will get “substantial deference” with the Public Service Board in the siting of large scale energy projects. After 7/1/15 Town Plans are required to be reviewed every 8 years rather than 5. After some discussion it was decided that we will continue to work on our town plan and submit it as planned.

Randy shared Albany’s Town Plan which is a draft, submitted but not yet approved by NVDA. It can be seen on-line along with their survey results.

Brian has sent a draft text of the education section of the plan to Mariel. He has been thinking about and suggested that since each student from 7th grade on has an individual learning plan that local governance could connect with schools for those students interested in learning or being involved in town governance. Brian said he would be willing to “shepherd” the project. Brian will discuss this possibility when he meets with the principal.

More pages of the draft Town Plan were reviewed. Mariel and Randy will send out for our review. Having a Village Center Designation came up for discussion again. It was agreed that an application for this designation will be part of the plan. The question about having a PACE designation also came up. Jack reported that since no one in town had requested PACE support it wasn’t renewed. It was decided to refer this question to the Energy Committee to review the PACE program and recommend its renewal or not.

Creating a resource person position was discussed. This position would be self-funding and include grant writing, finding and compiling a list of resources, and creating greater capacity for the town resources. Mariel will write it up and put in the plan as a Town Goal.

There is a day long conference on energy put on by VECAN on Dec. 3rd at Lake Morey. Mariel and Ann C. plan to attend. Ann asked Jack to look into funding to cover the cost of registration.

Data that was researched for the plan:

521 residences with 13 farms, 47 mobile homes, 204 seasonal

Approximately per mile road cost = \$6095.93, includes maintenance and plowing
From 1/1/2013 to 1/1/16 there were 26 traffic accidents in Glover with 8 injuries reported.

Next meeting; Dec. 1, 2016, 4 PM, David Snedeker will join us at 4.