

GLOVER SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Present: **Selectboard:** Bucky Shelton, Tara Nelson, Jason Choquette and Cindy Epinette.

Public: Bill McMaster, UVM Extension Service and Lorna Higgs, Project Manager at NVDA.

1. Barton Market Area Survey: Bill McMaster and Lorna Higgs were present to discuss the Barton Market Area (BMA) – Second Homeowner Survey results. The BMA survey included Glover, Albany, Barton, Brownington, Irasburg, Orleans and Westmore. The survey covered how second homeowners in the area spend their time and money and discussed things they were looking for when they made the decision to purchase a second home in this area. The survey indicates a desire to have more local foods, recreational services, restaurants, laundromats, clothing stores and lawn/garden stores. Some of the areas best attributes are the friendly people and scenic beauty.
2. The board meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.
3. Board Action:
 - a. Director's Orders were signed
 - b. Minutes dated January 5th and January 11, 2012 were approved.
 - c. The Excess Weight Permit was signed.
 - d. The Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) was signed. The TAN is a note to borrow money from Community National to pay expenses until taxes are collected.
4. Board Discussion:
 - a. USDA-RD Grant: Jason spoke with Glenn Lafont about using the remaining grant funds on a multipurpose trailer. Glenn believes that would be a good idea. Tara will speak with Gary Leach to confirm that this is an appropriate expense for the grant. Jason will begin pricing trailers.
 - b. Pioneer Day Camp: The board received a letter from Betsy Day, requesting a \$1,000 appropriation from the town to support this summer program. The board approved this request.
 - c. Annual Budget: The board approved a proposed annual budget of \$673,439.96, pending verification of the calculations. They have included a new line item for a select board assistant. They believe it would be beneficial if the select board hired a person to work about 4 hours/week to do research, return calls, attend meetings, etc. They believe that hiring an assistant will make less demands on the select board during their regular work day and therefore select board turnover may be reduced. Also, Tara received information from the Secretary of States' office indicating line items in a town/school budget cannot be voted up/down at town meetings. The budget can be increased/decreased, with the public stating where they want to see the change, but the town is not obligated to honor that request.
 - d. Tetrault Property: The board agreed to include an article in the annual meeting asking the voters to approve relinquishing the rights to a piece of property in West Glover that was deeded to the town many years ago. The Tetrault family deeded a portion of their property to the town to build a road. It was understood that if this property was not used for a road the rights would revert back to the Tetrault family.

- e. Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE): The board determined that there wasn't enough information to present to the voters, for them to decide whether or not to be a participating district. The board will distribute a flyer to get a sense if people are interested in getting more information.
 - f. Gravel Pit: The board will include an article in the annual meeting regarding creating a reserve fund to reclaim the gravel pit or use to purchase gravel in the future. As part of the Act 250 permit the town must replenish the pit once it has been depleted.
 - g. Perron Hill Road: The board would like to begin the discussion of paving Perron Hill Road, at a future meeting. This road is classified as class three, therefore the town will not receive any state funding to repair it. Should the road be paved or patched? The board would like public input.
 - h. Annual Warning: The board approved the articles in the annual warning, including two additional articles. The two additional articles are regarding the Tetrault property and creating a reserve fund for the gravel pit. They will sign the warning on January 27, 2012.
5. The board went into executive session at 8:30pm to discuss a personnel matter.
 6. Executive session was concluded at 8:35pm.
 7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bucky Shelton, Chair Date

Cynthia Epinette
Board Clerk

Tara Nelson Date

Jason Choquette Date