

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 22, 2026 – Glover Town Hall

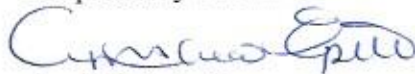
Present: Anne Eldridge, Justin Mason, Adam Heuslein, Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, Dan Clark, Gary Sheldon and Cindy Epinette, Town Treasurer.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.
2. **Additions or deletions to the agenda:** A recycling notice was added to the agenda.
 - a. **Recycling:** Due to the anticipated sub-zero temperatures forecasted for this weekend, recycling will be closed. Please stay home and keep warm. Everyone agreed the decision to close recycling can be discussed between the Recycling Coordinator and the Liaison of the Selectboard in these types of cases. Please keep the rest of the Board members informed of the decision. Theresa has been given permission to draft a policy regarding recycling closure guidelines. The closure notice has been posted on Front Porch Forum, the Website, at the Town Clerk's Office and the Recycling Center.
3. **Public Comment: none**
4. **Road Update:** The road crew have been plowing, sanding, trying to stay ahead of the upcoming storm, and performing some routine maintenance on the trucks. A reminder: it is illegal to plow across a town or state highway. As the snow hardens it can cause damage to the plows. Adam will work with Mike to develop a paving Request for Proposal (RFP) for Shadow Lake Road.
5. **Board Discussion:**
 - a. **Orleans County Sheriff's Office Report (November 2025):** Upon reviewing the report, it was noted that we are being billed for patrol on Stevens Road and East Albany Road. Adam will access the Selectboard's portal with Orleans County Sheriff's Office to investigate where on these roads patrolling occurred. Anne is the liaison and will reach out to the Sheriff's department with any disputes.
 - b. **Personnel Policy Review:** The Board affirmed they have made a change to the current personnel policy to include Martin Luther King day as a paid holiday, effective January 19, 2026. The Board will discuss other federal or state holidays, not included as paid holidays, in the personnel policy. They will also review the current vacation policy to make it a calendar year benefit. Adam will share proposed revisions to the Private Roads and Driveway Policy as well. The Board proposed discussing both these policies at a meeting in February.
 - c. **Moderator Discussion:** A proposal was made to elect a Moderator at the end of the Annual Town Meeting instead of it being the first article. VLCT was contacted to see if that was proper. VLCT indicated no, the Moderator position holds a term of one year, therefore the first order of business must be to elect a new Moderator.
 - d. **Appoint Town Service Officer:** Donna Laurin was our Town Service Officer until her death in 2025. We were informed the Town Service Officer position had been repealed as a required position in 2015, see 33 VSA §2102. However, the Selectboard believe this is a valuable position within the town. They would like to appoint someone the public can turn to, for help or guidance, in times of need. **Adam made a motion, seconded by Justin, to appoint April Bodette as the Town Service Officer, with Theresa Perron to assist April. The motion carried.** Anne will contact April to confirm she is still interested in the position. It was suggested Budget/Finance Committee create an account to help fund any expenses needed.


- e. **Sewer Committee/Commissioners Discussion:** In reviewing the existing contract between Barton Village and the Town of Glover regarding sewer, it was discovered a sewer committee should have been created and should meet quarterly with Barton Village. Adam would like to form this committee. Nick Ecker-Racz and Jack Sumberg have a wealth of knowledge regarding the history and working of the system. **Justin made a motion, seconded by Anne, to appoint Nick and Jack as members of this committee, representing Glover. The motion carried.** Adam will confirm with Nick and Jack that they are still interested in accepting this appointment. Following each quarterly meeting with Barton, they will be able to report back to the Board. Dwain Clevenger has expressed interest in attending these meetings as well. The contract also stipulates that the pump calibration on the Rt 16 pump will be recalibrated annually, with Barton Village and the Town of Glover paying half the cost of the recalibration fee.
 - f. **Caffeine in Lake Parker:** The Selectboard received information that caffeine levels in Lake Parker are high. This could be due to several factors, one of which is failing sewer systems. It was noted the State has been conducting these tests, not Glover. The State is responsible for monitoring the health of the lake. We were not made aware of any heightened caffeine levels for Shadow Lake.
6. **Shadow Lake Dam Update:**
- a. **Weston & Sampson:** There has been no update from Weston & Sampson regarding alternate scenarios. Thomas Strike is researching permit costs.
 - b. **Possible Grant Availability:** Theresa has been speaking with Pat Moulton, Flood Recovery Officer with the State of Vermont. Pat has advised Theresa of a Community Development Block Grant that may be available. Theresa is researching this further. The town may be eligible for this \$750,000 grant. Theresa contacted Bernie Sanders' office to apply for the Congressional Appropriation Grant.
7. **Town Administrator Update:**
- a. **Electrical Pole in West Glover:** The electric pole is scheduled to be installed on Tuesday, January 27th. Gray's Electric is scheduled to be there. Theresa is waiting for a cost of the supplies needed, as well as an estimate of Mr Gray's services.
 - b. **Highway Safety Improvement Grant** has been submitted. Guardrails on ten roads were included in the application. This is a \$50,000 grant from the US Department of Transportation. We should receive a response in April 2026.
 - c. **VCDP Grant:** There is an environmental consultant in the works. Theresa and Jack Sumberg completed the Permit Navigator process. We should receive a response in April 2026.
8. **Town Clerk/Treasurer Update:**
- a. **Barton Area Senior Services, Inc (BASSI) Agreement:** The Selectboard reviewed the existing one year contract. The Selectboard would like the Budget/Finance Committee to review it as well. The Selectboard would like the Budget/Finance Committee to review the costs to support the senior meals program and review the building improvements requested.
 - b. **Sign 2026 Town Meeting Warning:** A suggestion was made to separate the fire department appropriation request from the other appropriation requests, and include it as its' own article. After some discussion, the Selectboard agreed to include the request as a separate article. **Justin made a motion, seconded by Adam, to approve the 2026 Annual Town Warning with 14 articles. The motion carried.** The Selectboard also discussed changes to the Selectboard Message. The proposed changes were accepted by all board members.

9. **Public Comment:** Gary Sheldon suggested changing the description of "Revenues" to "Budget Adjustments" and include a detailed balance sheet in the annual report. The Annual Town Report is in the hands of the auditors therefore no more formatting changes will be made. Cindy suggested reviewing the way information is presented in the Annual Report at a future Selectboard meeting and developing a new format for next year. Justin suggested including this type of description in the notes the Board is going to create for voters.
10. **Adjourn:** Justin made a motion, seconded by Anne to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber



Anne Eldridge, Chair

Justin Mason



Adam Heuslein