

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 25, 2024 – Glover Town Hall

Present: Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Dave Simmons, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, Dan Clark, Phil Brooks, Matthew Wilson, Chronicle and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:** Appointment of Recycling Coordinator and NEKWMD Supervisor.
3. **Minutes: Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to approve the minutes dated January 11, 2024. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:**
 - a. **Young Road Traffic:** Anna Young expressed frustration and irritation about the amount of traffic and speeding on Young Road. It is a one lane class 4 road. The Young family plow it in the winter because of their sugaring operation. Phil will speak with Anna about the situation.
 - b. **Reclassifying Borland Road /Cemetery Loop:** According to the State, Borland road connects to Parker road and is considered a class 3 road from the point where Borland road meets Cemetery Loop road to Parker road. This measures at 0.10 miles. It was suggested to rename the 0.10 mile as Cemetery Loop road.
 - c. **Highway Mileage Certification:** The Certificate of Highway Mileage for the year ending February 10, 2024 was signed with no changes.
5. **Energy Committee Support Request (Action Required):** The Energy Committee would like to apply for a \$4,000 mini-grant through Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP), to help facilitate public communication, education, outreach and engagement about municipal energy resilience. **Leanne made a motion, seconded by Dave, to approve the Energy Committee applying for the MERP grant. The motion carried.**
6. **Pump Station Maintenance Proposal:** Brook Field Service has submitted an estimate for each one of the wastewater generators. The 3 estimates total \$6,659.29. The Town has paid \$3,151 for preventative maintenance. Dave suggested tabling this discussion until more research can be completed.
7. **Town Administrator Update:** Theresa was researching competitive pricing for diesel, propane, and oil from local companies. At this time, Dead River is offering to lock in diesel at \$3.38/gallon until April 1, 2024, while other companies are offering between \$3.64 - \$4.03/gallon. Oil and Propane prices are comparable with what the town is paying now. **Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to approve buying diesel from Dead River. The motion carried.**
8. **Orleans County Sheriff's Office Report (December):** The report for December was reviewed. No action needed.
9. **Treasurer's Update:**
 - a. **VLCT Claims Cost Detail Review:** The report for quarter ending December 31, 2023 was reviewed. No action needed.
 - b. **CLA Notice:** The town received notification that the CLA for Glover is 81.96%. This means that property values are appraised at less than fair market value. The State recommends a town wide reappraisal for any CLA value under 85% or over 115%.
 - c. **Dog Complaint Update:** There have been complaints of an aggressive dog in the neighborhood, with one allegation that it has bitten someone. The Orleans County Sheriff's office has been called to investigate. The town has not received a written

complaint of a vicious dog attack as this point nor a hospital report of anyone being bitten.

- d. **Letter of Support for Memphremagog Watershed Association (MWA):** Patrick Hurley, Project Manager for MWA has requested a letter of support to continue developing plans for the stormwater retrofit at the municipal building. The Board agreed to support the next phase of this project.
- e. **Appoint a Recycling Coordinator and NEKWMD Supervisor: Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to appoint Theresa Perron as the Recycling Coordinator and NEKWMD Supervisor. The motion carried.**

10. Open public comment period:

- a. Phil Brooks:
 - i. Phil has called Brook Field Service to service the stand by generator at the fire station. This generator covers the fire station and the municipal building when the power goes out. He is requesting an estimate for an auto transfer switch at the fire station and inquired if the town wanted one for the municipal building as well.
 - ii. Phil expressed his disappointment that only \$35,000 was included in the 2024 proposed budget after requesting \$52,000. The Board reminded Phil that he could request the budget figure increase at town meeting, but the Board thought the \$52,000 was too high at this time. They also reminded him that there was more than \$40,000 in the reserve fund for a new fire truck and/or repairs/maintenance to the fire trucks.
 - iii. Phil mentioned the Fire Department is applying for an AFG grant through FEMA.

11. Signing of Director's Orders: The orders were signed.

12. Adjourn: Leanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber

Leanne Harple, Chair

Phil Young

Dave Simmons