

Glover Planning Commission Meeting January 9, 2024

The hybrid meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Randy and Olivia were at the Town Hall, the rest of us: Jim Bowes, Doug and Cheri Safford, Carmela Young and Liz Nelson were at home on zoom.

Randy introduced our newest member, Olivia Noel. She and her husband live in Glover and are the newest members of the Glover Fire Department. Randy had talked to Olivia about the land next to the green and the river that belongs to the Fire Department. He also asked Cindy Epinette if the Fire Department had approved us cleaning up that area. Olivia will also follow up. She is the Fire Department Secretary.

Doug moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved. Carmela seconded and the motion carried.

Randy submitted the Glover Planning Commission Report for the Town Report to be handed out on Town Meeting Day.

Olivia asked if we can spend the grant money. Yes, we can, and when we do we have to submit progress reports to the State. James Coe and Nella Cargioli Coe are spearheading this effort. The money is an \$107,000 ARPA grant and The Redi-Grant of \$7500. to pay for a professional grant writer. To that end, we have hired Karen Gerherty of Newport. Randy has contacted her about a date for a meeting about the next round of grants.

Jim reported on his progress getting a grant for an EV level 3 station at the Green. He said the main qualification in the glacial process is patience but he is forging ahead. He talked with Molly Vesey at Old Stone House Museum and found that conversation helpful about the grant process.

The next item on the agenda is the Green Development. Nella and James will send out an email update to the Planning Commission.

Randy would like to give a public thanks to Nick Ecker-Ratz for his many services to the Planning Commission. Among other helpful actions, he and Trish Kules surveyed the green to help establish who owns the green.

Thank you Nick for all your years of service to the town of Glover!

Nick told Randy that if we can get permission to start the clean up behind the white building at the edge of the green, we can begin pretty soon. A question was raised as to who will help pay for the clean-up. Nick thought that the Town Crew may be less occupied in the winter time. He thinks he could get a crew to cut down some of the trees, but we do need a plan for that work. Megan Carter of Northwoods thought we might not be able to get permission to do that, but we have as Randy talked with Chris Burnell of ANR while discussing the flood damages and restorations with Doug and Cheri Safford. Chris said, "I know what you are trying to do and you can go ahead." He wrote an email to his Agriculture Department cohort. Doug will find the name of that person and document the permission to clear trees and knotweed from the Still Hill Road to the old firehouse (the white building). Randy showed Chris Burnell the heart of Glover Plan which includes clearing the little triangle which he didn't think would be a problem. Randy will send us that email and we will put it into our records. We still have details to be decided and submitted to the Selectboard. That subcommittee would be Randy, Steve, Jim, Nella and James and anyone else who would like to participate. Nicole Gratin from NVDA will help us find grants also.

Ann Creaven is continuing to work on the RT 16 crosswalk and access to the Town Office and Library. Stephanie Lemieux-Booth of VTrans is on board with us working out a solution. It might be as simple as making a ten foot piece of sidewalk on the south corner of Dexter Mountain Road and connecting the striped lines of that section, across RT 16, to the sidewalk that run in front of Currier's Market to the Green.

Carmela commented that having a sidewalk from the Library and Town Offices to the Green is like having a path between bookends for the town.

Another aspect of this area is the Memphremagog Watershed's project to upgrade the space between the Town Clerk's Office, the Library and the river.

Randy talked to David Simons and the road foreman, Mike Pray, about putting a white line marking a pedestrian/ wheelchair lane across the bridge. The fact that there is a daycare center on Dexter Mountain Road and that the kids regularly are escorted down the road, across the bridge and to the Library was noted as a special safety concern, added to the concern of seniors crossing on scooters and wheelchairs.

Olivia brought up the condition of the sidewalks in winter. Nick has suggested in the past that the town invest in a snow blower, but also there remains the need for a person to operate it. She also is concerned about parking on RT 16 in the winter and snow removal. The Town has used the loader when there has been a huge amount of snow. The state's ownership is 24 feet from the center of the road but often there are cars parked so snow removal is impossible then. Randy will find out whose (State or Town) responsibility that is.

Carmela suggested that we publicize what is happening so far regarding the Heart of Glover plans at the Town Meeting:

1. Progress of the Green
2. Progress at the riverside
3. Progress of the crosswalk

Randy raised the question of are we to have a Glover Day? He approached the Ambulance Squad to run it again as they started it 27 years ago. They are talking it over. The Farmer's Market can be at The Town Hall if the green is under construction during part of the summer.

The next meeting will be at the regular date, the fourth Tuesday of the month, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. (tonight's meeting was a postponed meeting from the end of December). The meeting after that and before Town Meeting is February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Doug moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Jim seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Nelson, Secretary

Attachment:

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From: **Randy Williams** <[gloverplanningcommission@gmail.com](mailto:gloverplanningcommission@gmail.com)>

Date: Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 11:51 AM

Subject: Fwd: Town Green Glover behind fire house

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Hello All,

I just wanted to update you all on a good meeting I had Thursday with the ANR rep, Chris Brunelle. I explained our project on the green, showed him our plan document, and discussed in detail what we had proposed along the river front, both behind the old fire house and the stretch behind the current fire department land. He had already seen first hand that area. As you can see from his email to the new area coordinator, he does not think we need any permits to do the cleanup and even installing a culvert extension for the gully next to the yellow house and under Still Hill Rd to make that piece more usable.

Now if we can get our grant writer back on track, we can get the funds lined up for doing this project in the Spring.

Randy

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From: **Brunelle, Chris** <[Chris.Brunelle@vermont.gov](mailto:Chris.Brunelle@vermont.gov)>

Date: Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 12:04 PM

Subject: Town Green Glover behind fire house

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Randy,

As we discussed today a stream alteration permit or authorization under the stream alteration general permit is not required for your project consisting of:

1. extent culvert in intermittent stream associated with drainage around existing house.

There is no other work in the flowing water associated with this project.

Sincerely,

Chris Brunelle, River Management Engineer  
802-777-5328

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