

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 26, 2023 – Glover Fire Department

Present: Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Dave Simmons, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, Dan Clark, Peggy Day Gibson, Trails Coordinator, Dennis Gibson, Randy Williams, Planning Commissioner Chair, Ann Creaven, Jason Choquette, Sarah Damsell, Chris Roy, Newport Daily Express, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:** Review Brook Field Agreement and Library Trustee appointment.
3. **Minutes: Phil made a motion, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes dated October 12, 2023. The motion carried.**
4. **Discussion regarding Selectboard meeting location:** The Board continued to discuss where the Selectboard meetings should be held, whether in the Glover Library or Town Hall. It was decided to hold them in the Town Hall. The Board has invested a lot of money in technology upgrades and there is more room in the town hall.
5. **Road Update:**
 - a. **Sarah Damsell – Orleans County NRC District Manager:** She expressed concern about the ditch on Parker road. She believes the ditch is too deep and has damaged the water table. She also suggested stabilizing the ditch with stone. This ditch is hydraulically connected to Roaring Brook, therefore the runoff from this ditch is flowing into Roaring Brook. Roaring Brook has been classified as an “impaired” stream. Sarah also wanted to express concern about some land that has been cleared close to Parker Pond. She is wondering if the owner has applied for a permit through the Shoreline Protection Act.
 - b. Mike indicated culvert work continues on Shadow Lake road. He expects they will be finished on Friday, then they will seed the ditches and grade the road. Next week will continue to prepare for winter.
6. **Orleans County Sheriff’s Department Report – September:** The Board reviewed the monthly report. No action needed.
7. **Glover Green Update – Municipal Planning Grant:** The Planning Commission was been awarded a \$29,325 Municipal Planning Grant that will be used on the Glover Green. The Coe’s have joined the Planning Commission as managers and have submitted a budget for the use of this money: Architectural of \$5,500, Landscape Architecture of \$6,000, Civil Engineering of \$9,825, Electrical Engineering of \$5,000 and Wetlands Ecologists of \$3,000. They anticipate moving forward with this budget between November 2023 to April 2024. The Fire Department has agreed to clean up the area around the old fire station which could allow for more parking. A REDI grant was approved for a grant writer, up to \$7,500. In an effort to make the various committees/commissions aware of available grants, Randy suggested having a point person to help coordinate this effort, so conflicts don’t happen. Dave introduced Theresa Perron as the Town Administrator and indicated all the committees/commissions should communicate with Theresa about the grants they are applying for and provide updates directly to her. Theresa is the liaison between the committees/commissions and the Selectboard. Randy also wanted to inform everyone that the West Glover Church has received a \$50,000 grant from the Freedom Foundation to repair the steeple.
8. **Trails Committee/GREC Update:** The Trails Committee has applied for a Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) grant. This money can help build the double

pickleball court and playground at Glover Park and an ice skating rink on the Glover Green. Randy mentioned there is a Better Places Grant available for the ice skating rink. The town would be eligible to apply for this grant now that the Green is owned by the town. The playground could be located at the back of the ballfield, the pickleball courts could be located at the upper parking lot. Storage of the rink materials is an issue that has not been resolved. Peggy also indicated trail labeled the West Glover Loop is being worked on. She is requesting a bridge be constructed on Parker road, in the same ditch Sarah Damsell was talking about earlier. Also, the Hester Webster trail sustained a lot of flooding in July and the beavers are posing a new problem.

9. **Town Administrator Update:**

- a. **EWP Sponsorship:** Theresa indicated there is no decision about the sponsorship at this point. It was suggested that the Town wait for a final decision from the State before doing any work in the river.
- b. **Town Hall:** Repairs are coming along well. The heating system should be connected on Friday. The plumbers and electricians should be working on Friday as well. Next Tuesday the counters should be installed and the second coat of paint on the floor. Phil spoke with Chris Brunelle, ANR River Engineer. Mr Brunelle confirmed nothing should be done in the river at this point. He will visit the site again on November 2nd at 11am to discuss the situation further. Theresa and Mike will walk the river with him again.

10. **Town Clerk/Treasurer Report:**

- a. **Financial Update:** The quarterly financial report was emailed to the Board. There were no questions about the report. Cindy indicated \$158,000 in roads alone has been spent on labor, equipment, materials and contracted services due to flood damage. Some of this will be reimbursed by FEMA and some will be reimbursed from the insurance company.
- b. **Brook Field Service Agreement:** Brook Field submitted an agreement for maintenance on the wastewater generators for 2024, Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to approve the agreement for 2 visits a year at \$3,151. The motion carried.
- c. **Library Trustee Appointment:** Linda Elbow does not live in Glover, therefore a replacement trustee needs to be appointed. Cindy Epinette has volunteered to fill the position until March 2024. Phil made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to appoint Cindy as the replacement trustee. The motion carried.

11. **CUD Notice:** Communications Union District (CUD) has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 7pm to discuss the 2023 Annual Report and the proposed 2024 budget. The public is welcome to attend this online meeting. NEK Broadband is part of the CUD.

12. **Open public comment period:**

- a. **Peggy Day Gibson: Culvert at their camp on Parker Road:** Dennis Gibson mentioned a collapsed culvert near his camp on Parker road. Mike will meet with him to review the situation.
- b. **Peggy Day Gibson: Extending sewer lines on Parker Road:** After the July flood, the water was tested on Parker Pond. The pond failed the e-coli test. She suggested that was due to failing sewer systems. Is there grant funds available to build a public sewer line along Parker road? In response, years ago the proposal to build a sewer line along Parker road was vetoed by residents. This suggestion needs to be brought before the voters again in the form of an article at the annual meeting.
- c. **Jason Choquette: Sewer lines:** Jason is planning to subdivide a portion of his land on Roaring Brook road. In this planning process he is requesting inquiring if the sewer system will support two more single family dwellings and permission to "direct bore" a

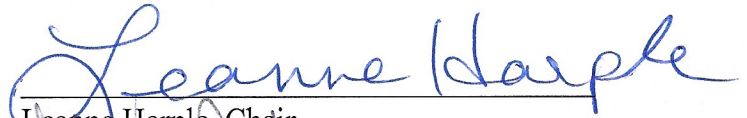
sewer line in the town's right of way, accessing the sewer manhole to gain access to the sewer line. The Board indicated their approval on both questions.

13. **Signing of Director's Orders:** The order were signed.

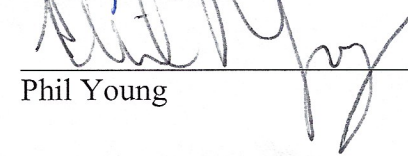
14. **Adjourn:** Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber



Leanne Harple, Chair



Phil Young

Dave Simmons