

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 14, 2024 – Glover Town Hall

Present: Phil Young, Anne Eldridge, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, Job Breitmeyer, Glover Volunteer Fire Dept Chief, Phil Brooks, Glover Volunteer Fire Dept Treasurer, Riley Brooks, Dan Clark, Brad Gibbie, Tyler Scelza, Brian Carroll, Jack Sumberg, Zach Chayer, Matt Wilson, Chronicle, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber. Absent: Dave Simmons

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. This is the first test run of Zoom meetings. If all goes well folks will be able to attend via Zoom in the future.
2. **Additions or deletions to the agenda:** Fire Department request, Town Hall Acoustics.
3. **Minutes: Phil made motion, seconded by Anne, to approve the minutes dated October 24, 2024. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:**
 - a. The road crew have been preparing for winter, working on a shadow Lake culvert. Roadside mowing was not completed this year due to other tasks that took priority, such as the flood damage and repairing roads. There is a culvert on Shadow Lake road that is plugged. Mike will review the situation..
 - b. **Rodgers Road:** There has been no response from the town attorney, Kristen Shamus, other than she is going to schedule a meeting with John Rodgers' attorney to discuss the situation. The Selectboard will entertain the possibility of turning the class four section of road into a class three road.
 - c. **Shadow Lake Road:** Phil spoke with Mr Fortin regarding the letter he submitted to Brad Gebbie at the last meeting. Mr Gebbie will collect some phone numbers from folks around the lake who would like some work done.
5. **Glover Green Update:** Two notices have been placed in the Chronicle informing anyone who has an interest in the Glover Green to come forward before December 4, 2024 to claim ownership, the affidavit has been submitted certifying the ad has been placed. As of December 4th a petition can be submitted to the court to grant a quiet claim deed, declaring the town is the official owner of the Glover Green.
6. **Glover Fire Department:** The Glover Volunteer Fire Department submitted a request to use some of the Fire Department Reserve Funds for maintenance on the tanker, new tires. They estimate \$5,500 will be needed for this maintenance work. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Anne, to approve using the Reserve Funds as requested. The motion carried.**
7. **Town Administrator Update:**
 - a. **Rt 16 Paving:** The Board agreed to pay Vtrans to perform the work needed on the manhole covers on Rt 16 during the paving process during the October 24th meeting.
 - b. **Energy Committee:** A special Thank You to Jack Sumberg for all the work he has done with Window Inserts. The Energy Committee received notification they have been awarded \$460,000 from the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). There are three projects that will be covered with this grant money, Town Hall upgrades (replacing the oil furnace for example), Fire Department building upgrades (replacing the oil furnace, hot water heater, replace the roof and installing solar panels, etc), and Municipal Building upgrades (replace windows, hot water heater, additional insulation, etc). Phil Brooks indicated he is looking forward to working with the Energy Committee to upgrade the FD building.

- c. **Trails:** Signage for the Black Hills trails are being finalized by Richard Carbonetti. The Lake Parker bridge has been built, accessing the trail across the Young Farm property. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2025.
- d. **Town Hall Acoustics:** Jack Sumberg spoke about the wall and ceiling panels for the town hall. It is estimated the panels will cost \$7,000 for the materials to build the panels, with volunteers helping. This project will be funded with ARPA funds that were designated for the town hall.
- e. **Shadow Lake Dam Update:** Thomas Striker, Weston & Samson Engineering attended via Zoom. A sink hole developed at Shadow Lake Dam, VT Dam Safety was called in to inspect the hole, VT Dam Safety approved a temporary fix and gave some instructions to monitor and relieve the problem from growing until engineers could be contacted to determine the extent of the damage. One of the instructions to temporarily relieve the problem is to lower the water level. There are 3 people monitoring the dam, Jack Sumberg, Dwain Clevenger and Dave Simmons. More than 10 engineering firms were contacted to submit proposals. Weston & Samson Engineering are the only organization that responded. Mr Striker has been in contact with Ben Green, VT Dam Safety, to discuss the dam problem at Shadow Lake. Mr Striker has submitted a quote for \$69,500 to provide engineering services. This is the first step in identifying how extensive the damage is and what can be done to repair it. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Anne, to approve the quote of \$69,500 from Weston & Samson Engineering. The motion carried.** Mr Striker indicated minimal engineering services may be needed after an alternative analysis is completed. He also indicated construction to repair the dam would not begin until the spring of 2026. The permit process to do any work to dams can take 4-8 months. The water level in the lake cannot be increased without authorization from Ben Green, VT Dam Safety.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** none.

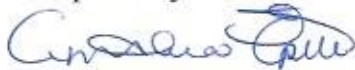
9. **Open public comment period:**

- a. **Zach Chayer, Chayer Rubbish Removal,** thanked the road crew on the good job they do to maintain the back roads. He has to travel many back roads in his line of work and mentioned how well maintained Glover roads were.
- b. **Brad Gebbie** inquired about the data retrieval on the speed signs. Mike indicated he has not retrieved the data recently. When the signs were originally installed he collected the data, which indicated the average speed was below 35mph.
- c. **Jack Sumberg** inquired about the material used on the roads. The roads were "greasy" after the last rain. Mike acknowledged the poor material used. He assured everyone next year the material used was going to be a better stoney mix.

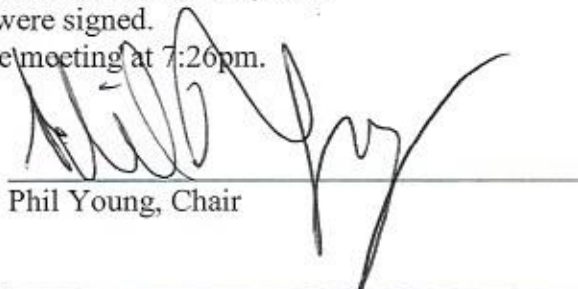
10. **Signing of Director's Orders:** The orders were signed.

11. **Adjourn:** Phil made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber



Phil Young, Chair

Dave Simmons



Anne Eldridge