

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 12, 2024 – Glover Town Hall

Present: Phil Young, Anne Eldridge, Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, Dan Clark, Tyler Scelza, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber. Absent: Dave Simmons.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.
2. **Additions or deletions to the agenda:** Parking Ordinance discussion.
3. **Minutes: Phil made motion, seconded by Anne, to approve the minutes dated November 14, 2024. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:**
 - a. The road crew have been busy plowing roads. Mike was involved in an accident today where a motorist hit the plow truck while the town truck was standing still. The motorist received minor injuries, Mike did not have any injuries, the motorists' vehicle was damaged and the plow was damaged but did not interfere with its normal operation.
 - b. **Sign Damage Reimbursement:** A motorist knocked over the stop sign on Still Hill. Scott was able to get the name and address of the motorist. The question is raised whether to bill the motorist to replace the sign and post. The Selectboard requested more information before making a decision: What are the circumstances? What is the replacement cost? and they would like a statement from Scott.
 - c. **Rodgers Road:** No update at this time, it is still in the research process.
 - d. **Parking Ordinance:** The road crew have encountered a situation where someone is parking on the side of the road when they need to plow. They would like to revisit a course of action to discourage this from continuing during snow storms.
5. **Glover Green Update:** No one has come forward to claim ownership of the Glover Green. The petition for the town to be awarded ownership has been submitted to the court. No hearing date has been set. The court has 30 days to set a hearing and review the petition.
6. **Orleans County Sheriff's Office Report (October):** The report was reviewed. No action necessary.
7. **Town Administrator Update:**
 - a. **Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP Grant) Update:** The grant begins December 16th. Theresa has submitted a **Request for Proposal (RFP)** in the Chronicle this week and next week.
 - b. **Shadow Lake Dam:** The Engineers will begin working on the dam tomorrow: performing a wetland assessment. The fundraising process has begun. See "Shadowlakedam.org" to make a donation to repair the dam. Theresa has created a design for t-shirts and sweatshirts for a fundraiser. She is waiting for quotes to begin production.
 - c. **Municipal Building:** The municipal building experienced a broken septic pipe in November. It has been fixed. The handicapped exit was removed to fix the problem. Theresa has enlisted Dwain's help to clean up/out the basement of miscellaneous debris.
 - d. **Town Hall:** Theresa received a quote from Bonnie Ingalls to paint the building in the spring/summer for \$41,000. This quote includes scraping, priming, painting and repairing all clapboards with rot.
 - e. **Wastewater Generator Contract:** Theresa has been researching other companies that will service the generators. She received a quote from D&D Electric for \$2,100

compared to Brook Field's quote of \$3,317. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Anne, to accept the quote from D&D Electric. The motion carried.**

- f. **Salt Shed Grant:** There is a grant through VT Dept of Transportation that could fund a salt shed. The grant requires a letter of support from the Selectboard. Theresa contacted the Coe's regarding the construction plans they created in 2020. They have offered to help Theresa with the grant application process for \$500. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Anne, to enlist the help of the Coe's to apply for the grant. The motion carried.**

8. Treasurer's Report:

- a. **ARPA Funds Deadline 12/31/24:** One of the requirements upon receiving ARPA funds was that the funds needed to be **obligated by December 31, 2024**. Another requirement is for the funds to be **spent by December 31, 2026**. All the funds were either spent or obligated previously. The Fire Department initially requested \$20,000 for repairs needed on the FD roof. This request was approved. The FD discovered a more pressing need to repair/replace siding on the front of the FD building. The Selectboard approved transferring the \$20,000 for repairs/replacement of the siding. The FD was able to repair/replace the siding for under \$20,000. This left \$4,212.82 unobligated. The FD roof will be repaired/replaced through the MERP grant. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Anne, to move the \$4,212,82 balance to town hall repairs. The motion carried.** With the quote received from Bonnie Ingalls, the requirement to obligate all the ARPA funds has been met. **The Selectboard would like to acknowledge and express a special Thank You to the FD for coming in under budget so the ARPA funds could be used elsewhere.**
- b. **FD Reserve Account Request:** The Fire Department requested approval to use FD Reserve funds to purchase a rescue vehicle from Andover Fire Department. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Anne, to approve the request. The motion carried.**
- c. **2025 Dog Rate Increase:** The State of Vermont has increased the fee to license each dog by \$2.00. The new rates are \$11 for a spayed/neutered dog/wolf hybrid and \$15 for an unspayed/non-neutered dog/wolf hybrid before April 1, 2025. After April 1, 2025 the rates will be \$13 for spayed/neutered dog/wolf hybrid and \$19 for an unspayed/non-neutered dog/wolf hybrid.
- d. **Dog Ordinance Update:** The new ordinance was been posted at the designated posting locations in town, advertised in the Chronicle and posted on the website. No one has come forward to object to the new ordinance. Therefore, the ordinance is in effect as of December 9, 2024.
- e. **FY25 Proposed Budget Schedule:** No dates have been set.
- f. **December 26, 2024 Meeting:** The Selectboard meeting scheduled for December 26th has been cancelled.
- g. **Listers – Errors & Omissions Certificate:** The Listers discovered an error in the Grand List for the Comcast and VT Electric assessed values. The Selectboard signed the certificate.
- h. **New Flags on Glover Green:** David Perron indicated the American and POW flags at the Glover Green were in sad shape and needed to be replaced. The Selectboard requested new flags be purchased.
- i. **2025 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Approval:** Cindy received two quotes for a 2025 TAN, Community National Bank and Passumpsic Bank. Community National Bank offered a loan with 5.09% interest expense and earning 5.19% interest. Passumpsic Bank offered a loan at 4.75% interest expense and 4.25% interest income. **Phil made a**

motion, seconded by Anne, to accept the loan arrangement offered by CNB at 5.09%. The motion carried.

9. **Open public comment period:** none.

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

11. **Adjourn:** Phil made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber

Phil Young, Chair

Dave Simmons

Anne Eldridge