

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 28, 2023 – Glover Town Hall

Present: Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Dave Simmons, Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, Dan Clark, Donna Greenwood, Catherine Raustein, Randy Williams, Doug Safford, Oz Henchel, Richard Jesmer, Brenda Plastridge, Jethro Hayman, Peggy Day Gibson, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:** Glover Trails and Lake Parker Association discussion about beavers.
3. **Minutes: Phil made a motion, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes dated December 14, 2023. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:** Two trucks were down, the 4 wheel drive on the one-ton and a water pump on the other. All maintenance work needed was covered under warranty. The road crew has been busy with muddy roads.
5. **Budget Discussion:**
 - a. **Senior Meals/BASSI Contract:** BASSI is considering moving back to Barton. They will know more Tuesday, January 2nd. Glover Senior Meals will continue to provide in-house meals and deliver meals to homebound folks. Their goal is to get folks to come in for activities and social interaction.
 - b. **Equity Committee Budget Request:** The Equity Committee has been operating for about a year. They have successfully created the “All Are Welcome” signs, provide welcome baskets to new residents, host cultural events and provide training for folks regarding racial awareness. They received some funding for these events and projects from several sources, including VT Community Foundation and Community National Bank. They are requesting funding from the town of \$1,000 in the 2024 budget to support their efforts. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Dave, to allocate \$1,000 in the 2024 proposed budget to support the Equity Committee. The motion carried.**
6. **Planning Commission Appointment:** Randy provided the Board with information about Olivia Noel’s qualifications to become a member of the Planning Commission. **Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to appoint Olivia Noel as a member of the Planning Commission. The motion carried.** Randy also mentioned that Nick Ecker-Racz has resigned from being a member on the Planning Commission. The Board accepted Nick’s resignation and thanked him for all his years of service.
7. **Town Administrator Update:**
 - a. **Heater at Recycling:** Theresa requested purchasing a small propane heater for the recycling employees to keep them warm. She found an upright heater for \$150. **Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, approving the purchase of the heater. The motion carried.**
 - b. **Grants:** Theresa indicated she has applied for a \$50,000 grant to make improvements to the town hall. She is hoping to hear back from the grant by the end of January.
 - c. **Mitigation Grant:** Theresa has hired a consultant to help update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The consultant will be funded through a grant. The consultant has submitted a proposed contract that will pay him 75% of the contract up front and the balance distributed when the project is complete. An alternative was proposed for 50% of the contract be paid up front, 25% be paid half way through the project and the balance of 25% at the end of the project. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Dave, to**

approve a contract that will pay 50% of the contract up front, 25% be paid half way through the project and the balance be paid at the end of the project. The motion carried. Theresa has received several volunteers to work on the LHMP. She will schedule a meeting to begin the process soon.

8. **Town Treasurer Update:**

a. **Sign the TAN:** The Board signed the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). The TAN was approved at the last meeting.

9. **Orleans County Sheriff's Report (November):** The November report was reviewed. No action required.

10. **Sewer Maintenance Employee:** no update. Dave proposed having Scott Pray, Phil Young and himself schedule a time to meet with Allen Mathews to take over the daily monitoring of the pumps.

11. **Open public comment period:**

a. **Doug Safford:** Doug Safford requested the Board contact Vtrans to remove the debris under the bridge on Route 16 (State bridge #18) as soon as possible. He is concerned the debris will cause an accumulation of more debris which will create flooding conditions.

b. **Trails Committee/Lake Parker Association:** Peggy and Brenda are concerned about the beavers damming the Hester Webster Trail. The State has advised the landowner has the authority to remove the beavers. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Dave, to hire someone to remove the beavers from the Hester Webster Trail. The motion carried.**

c. **FEMA:** Dan Clark inquired about the status of FEMA reimbursement. Cindy and Theresa indicated they have submitted all the required documents to FEMA and are waiting for a response. It is calculated that the town has invested \$158,000 in repair the roads after the July 2023 flood. They anticipate receiving 75% of that back from FEMA. There is no indication of when FEMA will disburse the funds.

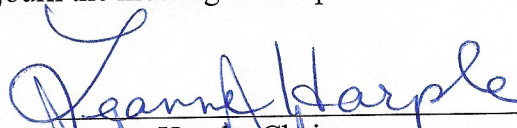
12. **Signing of Director's Orders:** The orders were signed.

13. **Adjourn:** Leanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm.

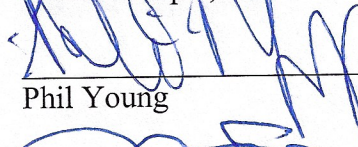
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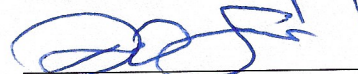
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Leanne Harple, Chair



Phil Young



Dave Simmons