

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 26, 2026 – Glover Town Hall

Present: Anne Eldridge, Justin Mason, Adam Heuslein, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, Jack Sumberg, Mariel Hess, Nella Cargioli Coe, James Coe, Dan Clark, Janet Lee, Ann Creaven, Angela Daniels, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber
Zoom: Liz Nelson, Gary & Michelle Sheldon, and Corrina Skorker

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.
2. **Additions or deletions to the agenda:** Delete approval of 2/19/26 meeting minutes, add Glover Green update, add VLCT Recycling Inspection Update and sound system check in preparation for town meeting.
3. **Public Comment:** none
4. **Approval of Minutes dated February 12 (1pm), 12 (6:30pm), 18, and 19, 2026.** Anne made a motion, seconded by Adam, to approve the minutes as presented. Justin recused himself from approving minutes he had not attended. The motion carried.
5. **Road Update:** Mike indicated the road crew has been plowing/sanding, cleaning back snowbanks, and doing light maintenance work. Adam received a communication indicating the Road Foremen from other towns get together to talk about what is happening, how each town can help another town, etc. The question was asked, should a formal road mutual aid agreement be created, to help other towns in a time of need with emergency responses and resource sharing? The Ambulance and Fire Departments have a mutual aid agreement with neighboring towns, should the road crew as well?
6. **Energy Committee – MERP Grant Update:** The Energy Committee had to re-evaluate, prioritize and postpone some projects included in the grant application because the original budget was under estimated. They have decided to concentrate on the envelope improvements and insulation of each building. For the fire department building that means concentrating on the roof, windows and doors, it will not include replacing the furnace; for the municipal building they will concentrate on insulating the walls and roof, and the town hall installing heat pumps to take the burden off the furnace. All buildings are scheduled for electrical service upgrades. The priority list is in the process of being approved by the State of Vermont. They received one bid for the work that needs to be completed. Ideally, they should receive 3 bids. They spoke with NVDA, who confirmed the bid received was in line with bids received in other towns. The Energy Committee received a proposed contract from Spates for \$407,200. The Selectboard will review the contract and discuss further at another meeting. **Adam made a motion, seconded by Justin, to request the attorney spend no more than one hour reviewing the contract and advise accordingly. The motion carried with one abstention.**
7. **Planning Commission - Glover Green Update:** The Planning Commission spoke with several adjacent landowners about their concerns for the existing plans for the Glover Green. They indicated the concerns have been addressed. Concerns for public safety were expressed at this meeting, the children's play area is close to the road and emergency access to the Union House may be limited. Mike Pray expressed concern about where the snow will go when it is plowed. It was noted the Selectboard has not officially approved the plans, nor has the public. The question was raised, does the Selectboard approve the plans or the project? Given the fact that there are two new Selectboard members, is it possible to have another meeting to discuss the plans further?
8. **Board Discussion:**

- a. **Janet Lee – ADA Grant (VCDP) Public Notice:** The application for the ADA Grant was available at this meeting. The grant application is for \$150,000 to build ramps and upgrade the doors at the Municipal Building to comply with ADA requirements. The town is responsible for 10% of the cost, which can include “in-kind” services. The Property Reserve fund was approved to support the “in-kind” obligations. The approved minutes must be submitted to the State before the RFP can be created. Janet will research receiving a special contingency plan. Also, the REDI grant is paying Janet to help build this grant. There are REDI grant funds leftover and the State has approved the request for Janet to help Theresa search and apply for other grants that can provide financial assistance for the Shadow Lake Dam project.
- b. **Orleans County Sheriff’s Office Report (January): postponed.**
- c. **Prepare for Town Meeting:** Thank you to the road crew for moving snow to allow for parking at town meeting. Thank you Dwain for cleaning the side walks in preparation for town meeting. Cindy was unsuccessful in finding childcare services for town meeting. Justin spoke with a local resident who is interested in providing child care services until noon on Tuesday. The Historical Society and Bread & Puppet will install “banners” in memory of Linda Elbow. Nick has requested a song be played at town meeting, Imagine by John Lennon performed by Eve Cassidy. Anne suggested the song be played while folks are walking in and getting settled. There is no zoom for this meeting. The Board would like to investigate additional technology to support live coverage next year. It was noted the Hold Harmless money is supposed to reduce the amount to be raised in taxes. Justin suggested making a motion during Article 7, reducing the amount to be raised by taxes by a 5 year rolling average. The Board was in favor of this suggestion. Justin also received information about holding a 50/50 raffle and selling sweatshirts to raise money for the Shadow Lake Dam project. The Board agreed that selling the sweatshirts is acceptable, they are not in favor of holding a 50/50 raffle.

9. Town Administrators Report:

- a. **FEMA** has approved an extension to fund the first contract with Weston & Sampson for another year regarding their engineering services for Shadow Lake Dam. No word if they will help fund the new contract.
- b. **LHMP** grant is being submitted to FEMA on Monday.
- c. **Earth Day** - willow trees will be planted near the rain garden. There is concern about the willow trees obstructing the view of the road when entering Bean Hill. The trees will be planted on school property therefore Theresa has redirected them to the school.
- d. **FEMA – Town Hall Mitigation:** Theresa will work with Jack Sumberg and the Selectboard about ordering waterproof doors for the town hall.
- e. **Recycling Safety Inspection:** Larry Smith, Risk Management from VLCT, was here to inspect the recycling building. He suggested several changes to make the environment safer for employees: (i) remove the ladder so the attendants do not climb into the gaylords to compress the cardboard, (ii) purchase carts so patrons can unload and transport heavy items from their car, (iii) the attendants should not offer to help patrons remove recycling items from their car to prevent twisting/turning injuries, Theresa will schedule a training to minimize twisting/turning, (iv) review the scrap metal policy and (v) create job descriptions focusing on the job not the person. He also suggested purchasing more signs for Glover Park relating to folks using the swings, sensory trails, etc. and using these areas at your own risk.

10. Town Clerk/Treasurer Report (as needed): none.

11. Open public comment period (as needed): none.

- 12. **Signing of Orders:** The warrants were signed.
- 13. **Executive Session (as needed) VSA Title 1 §313:** none.
- 14. **Adjourn:** Adam made a motion, seconded by Justin to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber

Anne Eldridge, Chair

Justin Mason

Adam Heuslein

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