

# GLOVER PLANNING COMMISSION

**Meeting Minutes:**

**3:30 pm; March 12, 2026**

**Special Meeting**

**APPROVED**

## Video Link

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## Attendance

Nella Cargioli Coe, Co-Chair  
James Coe, Co-Chair  
James Bowes  
Ann Creaven  
Marial Hess  
Elizabeth Nelson  
Olivia Noel  
Doug Safford

## Quick recap

The Planning Commission met to vote on selecting a contractor for the Glover Green beautification project, ultimately choosing Ecotone's proposal. The group discussed the differences between proposals, noting that Ecotone's included in-house landscaping work while other contractors would need to subcontract this out. The commission agreed to issue a letter of intent to award the contract not to exceed \$100,000, utilizing Ecotone's deduct alternates to bring the number down from their complete bid of \$118,813. Before presenting their decision to the Select Board, the commission members expressed concerns about potential opposition to the project, particularly regarding maintenance costs and the use of ARPA funds, which are understood to be spent by December 31st 2026.

## Next steps

- James and Nella: Present the Planning Commission's decision to recommend Ecotone as the preferred contractor to the Select Board this evening and request approval to issue a letter of intent to award the contract for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
- All Planning Commission members: Attend the Select Board meeting this evening (in person or by Zoom) to support the recommendation and answer questions as needed.
- James and Nella: Clarify with the Select Board whether ARPA funds must be returned if not used for the green project and confirm the allowed uses of the funds.

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## Summary

### **Glover Green Project Discussion**

The meeting's purpose was to vote on a preferred Contractor and make a recommendation to the Select Board to issue a letter of intent to award the Constuction Contract for the project.

The Glover Green project, which was approved by a previous Select Board now faces potential questions from the current Selectboard so the group discussed concerns raised to date. A neighboring residence on Still Hill submitted a letter in opposition to the project concerned about clutter and cost. Concerns from Selectboard members focused on maintenance costs and the closing of the private drive. It was noted that the design uses no-mow grass in areas and selected trees and shrubs are non-fruit-bearing to reduce maintenance. The group also compared maintenance needs to those of Glover Park, noting that the green appears to be a smaller-scale project.

### **Ecotone Proposal Accepted by Vote**

James explained that Ecotone was the lowest cost option and provided subtrack alternates to reduce costs below the budget threshold. The group analyzed the cost disparities between different contractors, noting that Ecotone is a landscaper while others are more civil-focused, which affects their ability to control landscaping costs.

The Glover Planning Commission formally voted with all in favor, no objections, to accept the Ecotone proposal for the project with a budget not to exceed \$100,000. Nella and James abstained from voting due to potential conflict of interest from their involvement with the design documents.

### **Glover Green Project Contract Approval**

The group planned to present their recommendation to the Selectboard and proposed issuing an "intent to award" letter to the selected Contractor for a contract not to exceed \$100,000. The Commission wishes to clarify with the Selectboard that the ARPA funds must be used specifically for this project and cannot be redirected to other initiatives. The discussion confirmed that there was no change in use or size of the Green and that the Selectboard would maintain control of events there, with governance authority similar to how they manage town hall events.

## Conclusion

- Glover Selectboard Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
- Next GPC Meeting is March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- Meeting ended at 4:00 pm