

Glover Planning Commission Meeting March 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:20. Randy had a technical problem connecting with the zoom account in the Town Hall, and so resumed contact from his home.

Those in attendance on zoom were: Ann Creaven, Carmela Young, Mariel Hess, Steve Lowe, Liz Nelson and Randy Williams.

Carmela moved to approve the minutes from our last meeting, Mariel seconded the motion. So voted.

Randy has asked the Selectboard about the process of actually getting the ARPA funds. Ann Creaven, for the Pickleball project and the Glover Historical Society have received letters delineating the process -- which is to get an invoice from the contractor, submit it to the Glover Selectboard and then it will be paid. Brian assumes we will get such a letter soon. Unspent funds will be put into an ARPA reserve fund and be used for other things later.

Steve announced he had JUST received an email that our request for a Municipal Planning Grant II has been fully funded! \$26,329.00 with a match from Glover of \$2932.50 + \$.50 additional. The next steps are: a digital acceptance and then we will have an account of money that we can bill to and be reimbursed for. Our total grant proposal was for \$29,325. The purpose of the grant is to allow us to hire a designer/planner to have the green project for shovel ready.

Randy has a good contact in Jennifer Lavoie who manages this fund.

Our ARPA request to the town was \$160,000 and we were granted \$107,425. Our original estimate for the project was \$358,000. According to those figures we would still need \$151,695. However, because we don't really have a refined and final plan for the Glover Green, that estimate may not be accurate.

Randy has contacted the REDDI grant site but has not heard back yet. He is positive they will be able to suggest qualified consultants. Other grants that can be investigated: MERP – Municipal Energy Resiliency, CRRP <https://accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/funding-incentives/community-recovery-and-revitalization-program> -- has a revolving deadline, and Community Heart and Soul, www.communityheartandsoul.org

Steve suggested that we need a group to manage the MPG. Liz volunteered, as did Steve.

We discussed priorities and possible actions we can perform to get started. #1, the River Front and #2, the Northwoods proposal

Carmela made a motion that Randy should get permission in writing from the Fire Department and Ray Sweeney to undertake these actions. Liz seconded the motion. In the discussion, Randy stated that he had talked with Alan Matthews two years ago about this and had his verbal approval at that time. So voted.

Randy said he will sit down with the new Town Manager and discuss the whole project with her.

Marie made a motion directing her to contact John about Heartbeat making 2 picnic tables. They will be fastened down somehow and have a place at the end for wheelchair user, both ADA compliant. They will have attached benches. Ann seconded. So voted.

Mariel asked when does Farmer's Market start? Randy said on June 4th.

Randy made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 PM. Steve seconded. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson Secretary