

The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 7:20 PM. Randy Williams, James Coe, Olivia Neal, Ann Creaven, Doug Safford, Jim Bowes, Carmela Young, Mariel Hess and Liz Nelson were present.

Olivia moved to second the minutes from the February meeting, Jim seconded the motion. So approved.

Randy gave an update: James and Nella gave an excellent presentation t the Town Meeting along with Geoffrey Fehrs, an arborist, of Ecotone, the Landscape design company who will be working on the project. The presentation had a positive reaction with only one comment: “Who will maintain the green?”

Now James and Nella have to write up the plans as a bid package for contractors. Nate Sicard was on vacation but they have a meeting scheduled on Thursday. Ceilidh of Ecotone is available also.

Olivia asked if a survey outreach would be appropriate and might be an opportunity to ask for participating... Liz suggested that we ask the Chronicle to do an article with an illustration of the plan. We could also put a link in Front Porch Forum.

It was asked if there is a Facebook account for The Heart of Glover. Randy will find out about joining with the town. Carmela would like us to figure out tangible jobs and times that people could volunteer for specific jobs.

James and Nella submitted an invoice to the town for work completed so far.

Randy suggested putting up a digital kiosk on the town green like the one at Gardner Park. Liz objected to that idea as it is too much like a billboard and is ugly. James observed that there could be an appropriately designed for a RT 16 location near the green; a happy medium!

The trails committee has built a kiosk and it is a good design. The Barton Chamber of Commerce has one like the one at the ambulance bay in West Glover that could be available to us. If the Wi-Fi access and the car charging unit was near, people would be stopping and could read it. Mariel said we want to have a place where people will want to come and visit.

James asked if we can start lining up projects.

James listed these: Riverfront remediation, not volunteers when re-grading, first grading, then landscaping, donation of plants?, cobblestones in the circular area, stay-mat on paths. Mariel suggested an “Adopt a Tree” plan.

Ann asked isn’t Northwoods doing that part (the riverside remediation)? Randy said he will get in touch with Megan Carter about the next stage. The riverside is owned by Ray Sweeny and the Fire Department. We have written permission to work on Ray’s land and a verbal agreement with the Fire Department. Olivia said they cancelled the board meeting where she was going to explore a written agreement.

Mariel asked Randy to identify areas of volunteer work and we can send out a notice. Nick thought work could start anytime, even with frozen ground.

James asked if there had been any contact with Karen Geraghty and the grant search. And suggested Randy get in contact again.

Jim reported on his continuing and frustrating quest in applying for an EV charging station grant. It is a Kafkaesque circular path, but he is persisting. Now the reply is it will be 4 to 6 weeks for a response.

Randy spoke with Angela Davis really early in the process about the mechanics of burying electric lines. We would need to go through VEC's administration department to get the engineering plan. The Fire Dept. building will be the electric hub.

Randy has spoken with Cindy but she has not heard anything about the Universalist Church. Cindy said it is a Selectboard issue. We still are not 100% yet about who owns the green. We need to send a letter to the Head of the Universalist-Unitarian Church in Boston asking them to sign off on the property. James said the town does own the property and the church has 10 years to dispute it.

Ann talked about the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the meetings with Theresa Perron to review and update Glover's plan. In that meeting, Noel Ford had brought up the West Glover Ambulance Bay. He said it needed a lot of repair from water damage. It is financed by payments from insurance for ambulance calls. The building is owned by the town of Glover but the improvements, repairs and maintenance are the Ambulance's responsibility. Randy said their business has grown from 100 calls a year to over 300. The Ambulance Company is actively looking for grants.

Olivia will post on Front Porch Forum and Randy will do Facebook posts for the Glover Planning Commission. Carmela asked if Randy will ask the Chronicle about a story on the plans for the green and photos of the updated plan including contact and web links.

Liz moved to adjourn, seconded by Olivia. We adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson, Secretary