

Glover Planning Commission Meeting April 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM. Randy Williams, Jim Bowes, Mariel Hess, Anne Creaven, James Coe, Nella Cargioli Coe and Liz Nelson were present. Ceilidh Kane and Barnabas Kane are sending out the finished construction/landscape design documents after James and Nella coordinate with the engineer, Nate Sicard. They will share all this with the planning commission at our next meeting, May 28<sup>th</sup>, and plan to send it out for bid on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

They wrote to Karen Gerherty and have had no response. Randy posited that perhaps she needs more details but James and Nella said that they need to have her input very soon because each grant has its own procurement rules. They need to know all this before June 21<sup>st</sup>. The REDI grant was awarded to Glover and Randy signed a contract with Karen. She submits her invoices directly to Mariah Noth for payment.

Randy requested that Leanne Harple write an article for the Chronicle about the Heart of Glover Green project, but she has been unable to as she is extremely busy this month, but Chris Roy at the Newport Daily Express wants to write an article in the next few days.

Randy has written to Megan Carter about the riparian part of the Green project but she has not responded.

Olivia says she keeps addressing the issue of the property of the Fire Department at the edge of the Green, but they keep putting off a discussion. James suggested that he, Nella and Randy go in person to their next meeting. The Selectboard has sent a letter to them requesting that they sign off to let us clean up the land around the white building and the part of the riverside that they own. It was suggested perhaps we can approach the Selectboard to make an offer for the town to buy this piece and use ARPA funds. It was appraised at \$10,700 by the listers. Randy will suggest this approach at the next Selectboard meeting and this will need an official response.

We discussed the issue of the ownership of the green. David Simmons has charged Anne Eldridge with contacting Sara Davies Coe to pursue this with the Universalist Unitarian Church. Randy said Anne will follow up on this. Although James and Nella think that Glover does legally own the green because of the quit claim deeds but also have said that the Universalist Unitarian Church has ten years to dispute this fact. They also said they were not lawyers and not authorities on this legal matter!

Nella suggested that perhaps she and James could go to Boston for an in person meeting about this. Randy suggested that the Planning Commission ask the Selectboard. Could there be a document at this meeting for them to sign? It's unlikely as they would need to consult their lawyer. Randy will present this idea to the Selectboard.

Glover Day is Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>. We decided to have some visuals about the project at the Town Green for Glover Day. They can be mounted on plywood or poster board. Randy is on the Glover Day committee and he will put that on the agenda. A chart or sign up list for volunteers can also be put out for specific jobs like planting the garden, bushes, etc. Ceilidh is interested in making a chart and perhaps will involve the school kids in a library presentation. Perhaps we can have a signup sheet at the library also.

Butch and Bonnie Currier are happy to have a trail go up through their property from the road to the school property for use by the public. On Glover Day the kids will run up into Butch's hay fields.

Ann reported that the traffic control video from Locomotion "How to Slow Traffic Down" shows that almost all the suggestions could be considered in Glover. Randy said that many were discussed in the planning process for the Town Green. The slow traffic sign in the middle of the road can work but needs someone to put it out every morning and take it in at night. There is the possibility of having a flashing yellow light that a pedestrian could activate with a button when wishing to cross.

Doug Morton has not been too helpful. Randy suggested contacting Nicole Groton at NVDA and Preservation Trust as she is leading the way for the next town plan process.

Jim has heard nothing regarding the EV charger request except that there are not any chargers available right now.

James brought up the topic of the tire dump and vehicle junkyard on RT 16. The Selectboard has broached the subject. Citizens have objected. Because Glover has no zoning there is a limited amount we can do. The owners were at a Selectboard meeting and said they had applied for a permit but had not received one yet. This was a long time ago.

Cindy had an email response to the Town's complaint to ANR. It said that the issue has been referred to ANR's legal/enforcement department.

Jim is going to see what the VT Salvage Department and the ANR enforcement division can suggest or do. Also, James brought up the issue of fire safety – what if the tires started to burn. A great deal of ecologically troublesome materials is at the edge of the riverbank which is the situation of hazardous materials near a water source. James asked if this should be on the agenda of the Selectboard and/or the Planning Commission.

Randy will check on all of this with the Selectboard.

Liz moved the meeting be adjourned. So voted at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson, Secretary