

Glover Equity Committee
MINUTES
9 May 2024

Present: Ann Creaven, Barb Delzio, Sara Gluckman, Jethro Hayman, Chair, Leanne Harple, Mariel Hess, Cheri Safford, Doug Safford, Carmela Young, Darlene Young, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 4:11 p.m. at the Cheri and Doug Safford's house. We began with check-ins.

Selectboard Meeting

Jethro is planning on attending the selectboard meeting tonight to give them an update on our work. Other committee members are welcome to come.

Equity Discussion and Potluck

This month's potluck and discussion will be at Mariel's, 2980 Perron Hill, on May 14 from 6-8 p.m.

Welcome Baskets

Darlene reported that she had checked property transfers for the names of new residents for the year to date. There is one basket ready to deliver to a new resident.

Ongoing Projects

- David Perrigo is joining Glover's IDEAL team for the year. The team will participate in a special Juneteenth training with Loretta J Ross.

- Jethro, Ann and David interviewed 11 impressive candidates for our UVM internship positions and selected two. The interns are part of Northeast Kingdom Vermont Community Resilience Summer Internship program and will be housed at Sterling College from June 3-July 24. The interns will be part of a cohort; they will work 20 hours a week in Glover (including attending our meetings) and will have other responsibilities as well. They will be treated as employees of the town. UVM is underwriting the cost of one intern and funds from our Vermont Community Foundation Inclusive Communities grant will cover the cost of the other. The program will have events at the beginning and end of the internship period; David, Ann and Jethro plan to attend. We will welcome the interns at a potluck gathering on June 4, from 6-8 p.m. Location TBA.

<https://www.uvm.edu/engagement/northeast-kingdom-vt-community-resilience-summer-internships>

- Sensory Trail and Universal Design Nature Playground at Glover Park with Vermont Agency of Natural Resources VOREC Grant is proceeding. The final documents have been reviewed and are ready for signatures. There are four major elements of the trail project: a pavilion, a bridge, the trail itself, and sensory stations. We'll hold a public meeting on June 13 from 5-6:30 p.m. to share information and seek input. The sensory stations will allow for the most creativity. There may be opportunities for community involvement, such as building benches, once the final plans are in place. We hope to engage the services of some Glover businesses. If the work goes as planned, we could hold a grand opening in August.

- Plans for the Glover Community-Supported Garden at Town Clerk's/Library are proceeding as part of Watershed Management plan. Our interns could take on a small piece of the larger project such as an accessible herb garden.

- Glover Affordable Housing Campaign is looking for volunteers and support. <https://nekorganizing.org/neko-housing-campaign/>

Upcoming Summer Events / Opportunities

* Indicates looking for someone to take this task on

- VOREC grant Public Announcement gathering in Montpelier Wednesday, May 29 noon. We can do a press release after the announcement.

- Glover Welcome Party for UVM interns June 4, 6-8p.m. Location TBA

- Glover Inclusive Park Sensory Trail Community Planning meeting June 13, 5-6:30 p.m.

- Burlington Juneteenth Saturday, June 15 Downtown 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

<https://www.btvreib.com/juneteenth>

- NEK PrideFest Parade float at Sunday, June 23 Newport 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

<https://nekrc.com/nekpridefest/> also take a look we made the list:

<https://nekrc.com/partners/>

- Barton Library / Lisette collaboration for Noche de San Juan celebration Friday June 28 in the evening at Crystal State Park or Shadow Lake.

- UVM Rise Summit, research, innovation, sustainability, and entrepreneurship together to spur change for a better tomorrow. Monday,

June 24 – Tuesday, June 25 <https://www.uvm.edu/rise/>

- UVM intern cohort showcase at Sterling College Wednesday, July 24
- *Book artist for Glover Day Saturday July 27

<https://www.facebook.com/GloverDayVT>

- *Book artist for Barton Village 150th birthday party Saturday, August 17
- Hosting IDEAL session at Glover Town Hall Wednesday August 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Future Events with Barton Library / Lisette

- September Conquest of West Indies book discussion
 - First weekend of November el Día de los Muertos Day of the Dead event
 - First weekend of January Los Reyes Magos Three Kings event.
- Book Bomba de Aquí, a dance and music company that performs and teaches Afro-Puerto Rican music <https://bombadeaqui.org/>**Bank Account**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Meetings are held once a month. Next meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 4 p.m. at the Glover Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Young, Secretary