TOWN OF GLOVER
Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 27, 2026 – Glover Town Hall

Present: Adam Heuslein, Anne Eldridge, Tabitha Armstrong, James Coe & Nella Cargioli-Coe, Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Ecotone Landscaping & Tree Care, Liz Nelson, Jessica Sweeney, Phil Brooks, Tyler Scelza, Nick Ecker-Racz, Noah Armstrong, Rick Bragg, Betsy Day, Randy Williams, Peggy Day Gibson, Joan Alexander, Brian Carroll, Sylvia Cannizzaro, Doug Safford, Jack Sumberg, Dan Clark, Sara Gluckman, Maria Hill, Jen Andrews, Barb Delzio, Ned Andrews, Mariel Hess, Bethany Dunbar, James Hudson, Stephan Cantor, Olivia Noel, Carmela Young, Heidi Ecker-Racz, Marie Amador, Chronicle, and Ed Barber, Newport Daily Express and Cindy Epinette, Clerk
Facilitator: Gary Mason
Zoom Participation: Cheri Safford, Becky Galloway, Danielle Martin and Andy Kindig.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.
2. **Introductions:** Anne Eldridge introduced the facilitator, Selectboard, Planning Commission Co-Chairs, Ceilidh Galloway-Kane and Cindy Epinette, Town Clerk.
3. **Review Rules of Procedure:** Mr Mason read the Rules of Procedure to remind the public this is to be a civil, respectful and productive meeting.
4. **Presentation of Glover Green Proposed Plans:** James Coe reviewed the history of how the Glover Green project began and a timeline of how events progressed. Ceilihl presented the newest proposed plans, created as a result of many conversations with the Planning Commission, Selectboard, Road Crew and concerned citizens. Crab apple trees will be in the front, on Rt16, hedges between the landowners on the north side of the green, a gazebo in the back with the Veteran's rock. The lastest plans can be found on the Town of Glover website, version dated 6-25-26.
5. **Public Comment/Questions: Adam made a motion, seconded by Anne, to suspend the regular Rules regarding addressing questions to the Selectboard and allowing questions to be directed to the Facilitator, Planning Commission and Ecotone Landscaping & Tree Care directly. The motion carried.**

Brian Carroll inquired about the capacity and use of the gazebo. The gazebo is planned for 20 foot diameter. To be used for small bands, small classes, etc. The gazebo will be flush with the ground, on a concrete slab. Unfortunately, the gazebo is not part of the current construction plans at this time.
Randy Williams: How many parking spaces are planned. The back parking area is scheduled for 3 vehicles. Parking is always going to be an issue on the Green.
Noah Armstrong: Where is the snow going to be plowed in the winter? How tall are the trees going to be as far as visibility issues? How are the sidewalks going to be maintained? Snow can be plowed into the parking areas in the winter. There are 3 additional parking spaces on the Fish & Wildlife property. The trees are dwarf trees and will be set back far enough so they will not interfere with visibility. The trees are expected to grow to 15 feet. Maintenance of the sidewalks will have to be discussed with the town.
Rick Bragg asked for more information about the rain garden. The rain garden is maintenance free. Drainage will directed towards Rt 16, where there is an existing drain. The rain garden is an optional feature.
Jack Sumberg observed that plowing snow into the parking area in the winter will not provide parking for those who want to use the ice rink.

Ned Andrews: Will the area around the Green be available for parking? Yes, there is a 12 foot perimeter available for parking. The Town may consider making the road a one-way road only to eliminate parking problems.
Nick Ecker-Racz: Parking at the school may be available. He suggested speaking with Fish & Wildlife to see if more parking can be allowed. He indicated he thinks the school would be a better place for the ice rink.
Phil Brooks: Are there plans to keep the sidewalks cleared in the winter? Are there plans to improve the existing sidewalks? The Town will have to address this question.
Sylvia Cannizzaro: If the road crew plow snow into the ice rink area, how is it going to be used as an ice rink? Who is going to create the ice rink? Plowed snow does not have to reach as far as the rink. There is a 12 foot perimeter around the rink. It was mentioned that in the past, the organization who wants to use the rink is responsible for keeping it cleared and operational.
Olivia Noel: At this time there are no specific plans to maintain the sidewalk but it's on the Planning Commission agenda.
The rink is not part of the construction plans. It is an option for the future.
Tyler Scelza: Is the gazebo base included in the construction plans? Yes. The concrete slab is the most expensive part of the construction project.
Brian Carroll: Where is the funding coming from? The ARPA funds.
Rick Bragg: He does not believe the ice rink is a good idea.
Tabitha Armstrong: Where is the flag pole? The flag pole will be erected with the Veteran's stone, near the gazebo.
Tyler Scelza: What are the quotes for the construction? 3 Bids were received, $118k, $170k and $171k. Ecotone submitted the quote at $118k. All quotes include an option to decrease some of the plans. The Planning Commission expect to bring the construction costs down to $100k. With the changes made as of 6/25/26 new quotes will have to be obtained.
Maria Amador: How much money is available? There should be $102,000 remaining.
Adam Heuslein: Are the shade trees within the specifications of the law? Ceilidh will consult with the tree warden for the specifics. The shade trees will take about 40 years to provide sufficient shade.
Phil Brooks: The annual report indicates $80k available from ARPA balance. Cindy stated that after the books were closed for 2025 she discovered a posting error to the ARPA balance. The corrected available balance is $102k.
Becky Galloway: She expressed her appreciation for the plans.
Nick Ecker-Racz: Prescriptive Easement for public travel, Meeting House Lot. Tabitha stated the Selectboard is reviewing this issue.
Sylvia Cannizzaro: She signed her quit claim deed with the understanding the road was going to be moved off her property. She feels she has been lied to.
Olivia Noel suggested thinking about the benefits of having a Green adjacent to your property, it will increase the property value.
Peggy Day Gibson: Will the road change? No, there are no plans to change the road.
Sylvia Cannizzaro: She plans to rent a portion of her home. She needs parking space for a renter. She was told the road was going to be moved and she expects the road to be moved. She feels she has been lied to.
Noah Armstrong: as an adjoining landowner he is not in favor of this project.
Rick Bragg indicated he is not in favor of this project either. He is concerned about the space being smaller and there is more annual maintenance.
Doug Safford: He was hoping this meeting would be productive and positive. He does not feel that this is happening.
Olivia Noel: She expressed her concern that the Green is underused and not child friendly at the moment.

Liz Nelson indicated the Union House is in favor of this project. It means it will be accessible for Union House residents.
Stephan Cantor: She is in favor of this project for the future of Glover.
Joan Alexander encouraged the Planning Commission and Selectboard to meet with Sylvia to address her concerns and both compromise.
Sylvia Cannizzaro: She does not object to the project. She indicated she has made several proposals that would make this work, be safe and do-able.
Anne Eldridge: Conversations with abutting landowners are still in progress.
Danielle Martin: She agreed with Stephan Cantor's statement.
Nick Ecker-Racz stated that he planted the trees in front of the Town Hall. After 42 years this is how much they've grown. He also planted the trees at the Municipal Building. Please note the size after 10 years.
Phil Brooks stated he agrees with Sylvia, he does not agree with the project.
Bethany Dunbar: Thank you to Gary Mason, the Selectboard and the Planning Commission. This is a good process.
Dan Clark: If there are more changes, will there be another public forum? It is unknown at this time if another meeting will be scheduled, however the website will be updated accordingly.
Tabitha Armstrong-as an abutting landowner she feels she was excluded from the meetings being held to discuss this project.
Anne Eldridge: Spread the word, if you have questions or concerns please contact one of the Selectboard members or Planning Commission. A QRC was available as well. See the Town of Glover website. If you'd like to drop off your response to the "Followup Questions" at the Town Clerk's office they will be delivered to the Selectboard.
Tabitha Armstrong-as an abutting homeowner: she is unable to attend 5:30pm meetings. She suggested more open forums, estimates for maintenance costs. She stated she has never been approached, communication is a problem.
Cheri Safford: She does not agree with the way Sylvia has been treated but she supports the Planning Commission.

6. Next Steps: The Planning Commission will address concerns heard at this meeting and work with the Selectboard to outline the next steps. Revised quotes may be requested, the Selectboard will consider signing an Intent to Move Forward agreement, and legal issues need to be resolved. Gary expressed his appreciation for being invited to this meeting and stated we should be proud of our community to compromise.
7. **Adjourn: Adam made a motion, seconded by Anne, to adjourn at 11:54am.**

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber

Adam Heuslein, Chair

Anne Eldridge

Tabitha Armstrong