

Glover Planning Commission meeting July 2, 2024

The zoom meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm. Randy Williams, Anne Eldridge, Steven Lowe, Jim Bowes, Nella Cargioli Coe, James Coe, Doug Safford and Liz Nelson were present.

Steve moved and Liz seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2024 meeting.

Anne updated her interactions with the attorney Nick Low about the town green. Nick Ecker-Ratz has supplied him with most of the additional information and documents he needs. Nick Low feels that it is a "good picture": that the town has used the green for over 100 years without challenge. We wait on the court's timeline. Anne has not heard more. Nick Low was on vacation and Anna will continue to request information from him on Monday after the holiday weekend. However, he has said that the pieces are falling into place and he seems confident that the judge can sign off on it. Randy asked if that would be the end of the process and Anna confirmed that is true. The title would be "quieted" with no debate or claims for the future.

Job had found the document in the Fire Department records that in the 1960's the town gave land to the Fire Department. Anne told Nick Low about this also.

On the issue of the Church's ownership of the green, it is possible that the Selectboard could write a letter to The Universalist Unitarian church to be delivered by Nella and James but first Anne wants the Selectboard to consider this option.

The Selectboard may have to sign off on a grant before the judgment. Anne feels OK with this hypothetical situation. The ARPA money has to be spent before December of 2026.

Steve asked Anne how she feels about the situation: spending money before the judgment. She wants to wait until she talks to the attorney, hopefully on Monday (July 8). James and Nella will report back to us also.

James said they are getting the documents together to put out a request for bids on July 15th but they want to make sure it is proper and legal to do this. Asking and giving a bid is not binding except for grants. The project has to be bid after the grant is awarded. We can solicit bids, but do not have to take any, but it is prudent to do the process in good faith. Randy will ask the Selectboard about this at the next meeting, July 11th. James and Nella will be ready on the 15th if this goes ahead. They have yet to have any contact with Karen Gerherty.

Randy said the Better Places grant has opened again. James and Nella will contact Karen Gerherty.

Steve asked what Karen Gerherty's role is, to write grants or find them? Randy said we should do the research also and share what we find with each other. Steve suggested that while we are waiting we could flesh things out about what we want, perhaps with ideas and photos. Randy noted that each grant has its own requirements. Olivia has said that she would work with Karen Gerherty.

The Planning grant we have is for "soft" work; the ARPA is for construction.

Jim Bowes has had NO response about the EV chargers.

James and Nella spoke to Katherine Sims about the tire dump. She brought it to the attention of the Attorney General. Phil has not been able to get there with a member of the Sheriff's department. Jim looked up on GIS and there is no permit for salvage dump in Glover. The tire/salvage dump in Irasburg

was fined \$25,000. The man renting the Glover land where the tire dump is has stopped paying rent for several months.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting, Doug seconded. So voted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson, Secretary