

Glover Planning Commission Meeting July 23, 2024

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Randy Williams, James Coe, Nella Cargioli Coe, Jim Bowes, Mariel Hess, Steve Lowe, and Liz Nelson were present. A motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2024 meeting was made by Liz, seconded by Jim. So approved.

Green update: We can disregard the letter that the Fire Department showed the Selectboard about the green is deemed inconsequential by Nick Low. Nick Ecker-Ratz took the letter to the lawyer, Nick Low, who made that judgment. On the question we asked the Selectboard about moving ahead with the project even if the clear title is still not achieved: Anne said that there were only two at the meeting, so no answer or decision was made.

Doug Safford will be approved to be on the Planning Commission when all three Selectboard members present.

James and Nella presented a developed plan of the Glover Green. The Fire Department property is not on the plan. It will be included when the Fire Department gives the town permission to add that property to the Green's plans, or sells the property to the town.

As to when the title is clear, now depends on when the case goes to court, a date beyond the control of the lawyer. After much discussion it was decided to put the bids out in early September with a starting time first thing in the spring. This may be a way to get quality and perhaps more reasonable bids as it would be a more flexible schedule for the contractors, rather than risk starting without clear title and having it be a rushed schedule. The work would start by May 1, 2025 and be completed by July 1, 2025. The ARPA funds must be spent before the end of 2025. The bids are requested and answered in good faith.

We feel the documentation and history of the site are in our favor even if the unlikely event the case is challenged by the Unitarian Universalist Church. Nick Low knows our objectives and feels it will happen eventually.

We questioned what will happen to the trees that are there – perhaps be relocated. The Memorial Rock will also be relocated closer to the edge of the Green parking area. The Gazebo is about 18 to 20 feet in diameter and it sits at the highest elevation of the park. The rectangle of grass is big enough for a skating rink, a farmer's market and public events. Drainage is included in the drawing from the flat area for the ices skating rink.

The walkways would likely be some form of Staymat although some thought should be given to cement sidewalks. There is a question about the maintenance of the perennial garden, the grass mowing and pathway shoveling in the winter. Other improvements and construction like the EV Charging station, the Pavilion (and the Gazebo itself)*is to be funded by grants. *Randy -- I am not sure if the Gazebo is included in the first phase.

Randy will set up a table at the Glover Day event on Saturday July27th. James and Nella will bring large scale plans to be on display and also be there for an hour or more to show the plans to anyone who is interested. It would be good if other members of the Planning Commission could stop by the table for a while and help.

James and Nella said that Karen Gerherty has not been in touch with them after they contacted her by email.

The next meeting is August 27,2024.

A motion to adjourn was made by Liz, seconded by Mariel. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson, Secretary

Attach 3 documents from Coe& Coe Architecture

Heart of Glover planting plan

Hear of Glover plant list

Heart of Glover plan