TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 9, 2026 – Glover Town Hall

Present: Adam Heuslein, Anne Eldridge, Tabitha Armstrong, Ann Creaven, Mariel Hess, Sara Gluckman, Angela Daniels, Jen Andrews James Coe, Brad Gebbie, Dan Clark, Jethro Hayman, Ed Barber, Newport Daily Express and Cindy Epinette, Clerk.
Zoom Participation: Michael Murphy and Nella Coe.

The internet service was interrupted due to the rain several times.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.
2. **Additions or deletions to the agenda:** Online access and VT Leadership Summit notice.
3. **Public Comment:**
    a. **Open Meeting Law Reminder**: The Selectboard would like to remind everyone that when items are added at the beginning of the meeting, they are for discussion purposes only. The Selectboard cannot make decisions or take action if a matter was not included on the posted agenda.
    b. **Jen Andrews** expressed concern about safety at Shadow Lake Beach. Someone had an open fire on the beach, set off fireworks and left a lot of debris on the beach. The noise and odors from the fireworks are obnoxious. The firework materials are not safe for the environment. No fireworks permit was issued, nor were the police called upon. The Board will review the ordinances and policies. Brad Gebbie expressed his appreciation for the display for this 250th Anniversary but also indicated he appreciated that this does not occur every day.
4. **Approval of Minutes dated June 9, 2026, June 23rd (Site visit), June 23rd (Personnel Policy), June 25th and June 27th, 2026: Anne made a motion, seconded by Tabitha, to approve the minutes dated June 9, 2026. The motion carried. Anne made a motion, seconded by Tabitha, to approve the minutes dated June 23rd (1) and (2). The motion carried. Anne made a motion, seconded by Tabitha to approve the minutes dated June 25th, 2026. The motion carried. Adam made the motion, seconded by Anne, to approve the minutes dated June 27, 2026. The motion carried.**
5. **Road Update:** Shadow Lake Road has been paved. The shoulder work will be completed soon. The town would like to paint cross walk lines at the boat access and beach access. Mike is investigating the cost to do this. The road crew have been ditching and mowing. Mowing along the paved roads has been completed. They are concentrating on the back roads now. The roller should be here soon.
6. **Town Administrator's Update:**
    a. **FEMA:** Theresa encountered a problem when ordering the flood barrier doors. It has been resolved.
    b. **ADA Grant Application:** No update on the application process. Drawings need to be completed before submitting any further plans to the state. There is a question if we should invest in upgrading the municipal building at this time, considering the potential changes at the school. If the school sells the building back to the town, will we move all the town offices to the school? Tabitha has many questions she would like to discuss with Janet Lee. There is concern that if the $300,000 grant is not applied for, it will reflect poorly on the town for the future. The town was awarded $6,500 from NVDA for the Environmental Study and $4,500 from the REDI grant to pay for the grant

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writer. The Environmental Study performed may have to be completed again. If a grant of $300,000 is awarded, the town would be responsible for 25% of that, or $75,000. This can be "in kind" services instead of a monetary contribution. The question is: where is this money coming from? **The question was asked if the official polling place can be at the Town Hall instead of the Municipal Building? Cindy will research further.**

c. **Town Hall**: The town has been notified there are ants in the basement. Ozzie will have Donna Greenwood get some ant traps from EM Brown to deal with this nuisance. Anne suggested contacting JP Pest Control to address this issue as well.

7. Old Business:
   a. **Glover Green Update**: The Board received two responses after the Glover Green informational meeting held on June 27th. The board has requested all correspondence to the Selectboard be kept in a folder in the Town Clerk's Office. **Tabitha made a motion, seconded by Anne, to move forward with the Intent to Award to Ecotone with contingency on approved changes, the contract based on final approval by the Selectboard for the Glover Green**. The motion carried. Tabitha will visit neighbors of the Glover Green to get more information from them. Adam will contact VT Agency of Transportation regarding prescriptive used and the discontinuance of the old "Still Hill" section of the Green. Is the portalet scheduled to be at the Glover Green year round?
8. New Business:
   a. Wastewater Pump Update: One of the oldest pumps at the Rt 16 pump station needs to be replaced. The amount of debris that has been flowing through the pumps has broken. It's estimated it will cost about $9000 to replace it. Adam took several pictures of the damage done to the pump as a result of rocks and other debris contributing to the failure of the pump. A letter will be sent to sewer users, with their tax bill, regarding the damage done to pumps when inappropriate materials are flushed down the toilet. Some wipes may be toilet safe but they are not pump safe. The dialers should arrive soon. That expense will be funded with the wastewater reserve funds. The Selectboard will pursue narrowing down the area where the rags are entering the sewer lines.
9. **Committee Updates:**
   a. **MERP:**
      i. The Energy Committee received an invoice from Spates Construction. The Energy Committee inquired how the invoice should be approved. The Energy Committee should review the invoice, authorize it be paid and send it to the town treasurer. The Board will review and approve the release of the funds when they sign the check warrant.
      ii. Mariel inquired about an invoice for legal services that was charged against the MERP grant. After some discussion, the board decided to absorb the fee to review the AIA contract from Spates Construction**.**
      iii. A potential change order was received from Spates regarding siding of the municipal building. Once the siding was removed they discovered the sill and trim on some windows are in bad condition and should be replaced. Spates is willing to install the following work for $11,000: $5,500 for the two new double paned windows, $1,300 for the trim, $2,675 to remove the existing siding and apply 1" rock wall insulation and $1,530 to apply blue skin weather barrier. The Energy Committee indicated $5,000 of the $11,000 can be used from the MERP contingency fund. That leaves $6,000 for the town to absorb.
      iv. The Energy Committee is not concerned with deviations from the original proposed timeline with when each aspect of a project should be completed.

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There are different contractors working on each aspect of the contract. Also, some work may need to be delayed in order to consult with the Selectboard, as problems are uncovered. This may involve the town absorbing unexpected expenses. The Selectboard suggested posting an update of the timeline on the website to keep the public informed.

b. **Glover Park Update:** Jethro would like to pursue getting solar power at Glover Park. Grid power is estimated to be more expensive than solar power. He proposed using the $7,500 budgeted for electricity and the $3,000 budgeted under repairs/maintenance to get the solar power in place this year. He indicated this is a community effort, where there are many volunteers. He indicated volunteers can do the majority of the electrical work needed, and volunteers can perform the maintenance at the Park. Getting power will generate revenue. The town will have to pay for cables, connectors, etc. In the future, a building will be needed to store the batteries, which volunteers can build. The Selectboard would like to see the quotes for the solar power installation. Who will keep the calendar of what events are scheduled? Who is responsible for scheduling events at the Park? What is the fee schedule to use the Park? The question was asked about competing against Barton's field. Jethro indicated the field in Barton is too small to hold tournaments. Jethro will meet with the Budget Committee to create a fee schedule. Jethro indicated the power lines will be overhead not underground. The Selectboard will schedule a site visit with Jethro to discuss the Park further. Jethro has indicated he is not interested in being the point person for both the Glover Park and Glover Trails. The Selectboard is also concerned about the maintenance of the batting cage, poles collapsing, no mowing in some areas. It's the Selectboard's understanding that Peggy Day Gibson is not interested in overseeing both the Glover Trails and Glover Park either.

c. **Glover Trails Update – Peggy Day Gibson:** none

d. **Open Meeting Law Compliance:** The Board wants to remind all Boards, Committees and Commissioners that draft minutes need to be posted on the website within 5 calendar days of the meeting, minutes need to be posted within 5 calendar days of approval and agendas need to be posted with 48 hours of the scheduled meeting.

10. **Town Clerk/Treasurer's Update**:

a. **Delinquent Tax Sale Process Approval**: Cindy requested approval to send the name and amounts of 3 taxpayers to the attorney to begin the tax sale process. There are several other delinquent taxpayers who have indicated a commitment to honor a payment schedule. If those taxpayers default on their agreement, they will be sent to the attorney to begin the tax sale process as well. **Anne made a motion, seconded by Tabitha, to approve sending the 3 recommended taxpayers to the attorney to begin the tax sale process. The motion carried.**

b. **Warrant to Impound Unlicensed Dogs Approval:** Cindy submitted a list of dog owners who have not licensed their dogs for 2026. She requested the Board sign the Warrant to Impound Unlicensed Dogs with the understanding: (a) a second letter will be sent to the owner, indicating their dog is on this list, (b) she will follow up with a phone call by 7/28/26, and (c) if the dogs have not been licensed by 8/1/26 the owners will be fined and sent a ticket. **Anne made a motion, seconded by Tabitha, to approve the request as indicated. The motion carried.**

c. **Financial Update-schuled meeting to review financial health with Budget Committee**: postponed.

11. **Other Business**:

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a. **7th VT community Leadership Summit**: Who would like to attend on October 6th in Castleton, VT? This will be discussed at the next meeting.
b. **Online Access:** The Selectboard are transferring coverage of the Board meeting from Zoom to Google Meets. A test run will be conducted to troubleshoot any potential problems.
c. **A suggestion was made to create a new department:** "Public Works" that will include the road crew and GREC. The Board will research and discuss further at a future meeting.

12. **Open Public Comment: Dan Clark suggested dissolving the former GREC and creating a new GREC.**
13. **Signing of Orders**; The Board signed the check warrants.
14. **Executive Session VSA Title I §313 (1E): Adam made a motion, seconded by Anne to enter executive session at 10:12pm to discuss pending legal matter. The motion carried**.
15. **Executive Session was concluded at 10:30pm. No action taken.**
16. **Executive session VSA Title I §313 (4): Adam made a motion, seconded by Anne, to enter executive session at 10:31pm to discuss a personnel matter. The motion carried.**
17. **Executive Session was concluded at 11:26pm. Anne will address the personnel situation as the Human Resources liaison.**
18. **Adjourn: Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:27pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber

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Adam Heuslein, Chair

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Anne Eldridge

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Tabitha Armstrong

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