TOWN OF GLOVER

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 24, 2023 - Glover Volunteer Fire Department Building

Present: Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Dave Simmons, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, Phil Brooks, Emergency Manager, Dan Clark, Cheri & Doug Safford, Irene Clevenger, Harvey Dunbar, Tyler Scelza and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. Leanne reminded everyone about the proper protocol: you may speak when called upon and you must address the Selectboard, not the audience.
- 2. Additions to the agenda: Review of the Claims Cost Update, Route 16 Bridge #18 Maintenance, review suggested changes to the website and review the Hazard Mitigation Plan from Greensboro, were added to the agenda.
- 3. Minutes: Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, to approve the minutes dated August 10, 2023. The motion carried.

4. 2023 Flood Update:

- a. Safford Residence Bank Remediation: The Safford's are requesting the town sponsor them with an application to the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP). They are eligible to register for this program but must be represented by a legal subdivision of the state, such as a municipality. The project will help restore/reinforce the riverbank behind their home. If the project is approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) would fund 75% of the project and the town would be responsible for the remaining 25%. The Safford's could enter into an agreement with the town to pay the 25% up front or reimburse the town. The question was asked about why the state is not involved in work that will be done in the river. Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to submit a letter to EWP to determine if the project is eligible for funding. The motion carried. There is no indication of the cost of the project at this time. If the project is approved, the Selectboard will discuss this further with the Saffords to decide if it is worth the cost. Also, if the project is eligible for funding, Mike suggested having an independent contractor perform the work and not the town, for liability reasons. The sponsor would be responsible for hiring an independent contractor. Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, will begin contacting contractors.
- b. Debris Management: Phil stated the flood debris was collected today. There were five residences that had debris removed. All went well. If there is more flood debris that needs to be removed, please contact Phil Brooks.
- c. Town Hall: Theresa has received two written quotes to clean/repair the town hall basement, and one verbal. Paul Davis Restoration submitted a quote of \$26,940.62 and Limelite submitted a quote of \$38,364.75, the third quote was for \$10,000 for only cleanup. After scrutinizing the two written quotes, Phil made a motion, seconded by Dave, to accept the quote from Limelite for \$38, 364.75. The motion carried.

5. Road Update:

a. Mike stated they have been ditching, grading, fixing washouts, mowing and helping Greensboro with some of their roads. It was mentioned that the Greensboro road crew help the town of Glover each year and Glover helps the town of Greensboro each year as well, as needed.

- b. Route 16 Bridge #18 Maintenance: The Board received an email from VTrans indicating they will be working on state bridge #18, the bridge in front of the Saffords at some point in the future. A questionnaire was sent to the town to be completed to identify potential problems with closing the road. Mike indicated he can complete the questionnaire and suggested local businesses be consulted to respond to the questions as well.
- 6. Warrant for Unlicensed dogs: There are four known dog owners who have not licensed their dog(s). Phil made a motion, seconded by Dave, to approve signing the warrant. The motion carried. The warrant gives the Constable permission to impound an unlicensed dog who is roaming free.
- 7. Orleans County Sheriff's Report (July): The Board reviewed the July report. No action needed.
- 8. Bread & Puppet Parking at Glover Park: Bread & Puppet have requested the use of the Glover Park to accommodate potential excess parking needs on Sunday, August 27th. They indicated the town would have to provide an attendant if they were going to charge a fee to park. Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to allow Bread & Puppet to use the parking area at Glover Park, at no charge, if they will clean the parking area of any garbage left behind. The motion carried.
- 9. GREC Funds Update: postponed.
- 10. Glover Green Update: no update available.
- 11. Town Clerk Update:
 - a. **Town Website:** There was a suggestion to include more organizations under the heading "Government" on the website, such as the Listers, Justices of the Peace, etc. Also, updating the "Roles & Responsibilities" to eliminate two positions that have been discontinued by the state. These changes were approved.
 - b. Claims Cost Update (VLCT): The Board reviewed the quarterly worker's compensation claims submitted. No action required.
 - c. **Greensboro Hazard Mitigation Plan**: The Board received a draft of Greensboro's Hazard Mitigation Plan, as an abutting landowner. Phil requested the plan be emailed to him so he can review it.
- 12. Open public comment period (as needed):
 - a. It was mentioned that the radar sign on Rt 16, heading towards Barton, is still not working. Phil Brooks volunteered to look into it. He will speak with Jack.
- 13. Signing of Director's Orders: The orders were signed.
- 14. Adjourn: Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Leanne Harple, Chair

Cynthia Epinette Transcriber

Phil Young

Dave Simmons