



**9.20.2021 - Heart of Glover Village Plan Visioning Meeting
Via Zoom**

VideoRecording Link [Here](#):

In Attendance

- Steve Lowe, Glover PC
- Patricia Russell (Owner, Union House)
- Joan Vincent NEKO
- Elizabeth Nelson, Glover PC
- Brian Carroll, Glover Selectboard
- Adam Heuslein
- Sen. Starr
- Doug
- Carmela Young
- Doug Safford
- Ann Creaven
- Barb Delzio
- Mariel Hess
- Randy Williams, Glover PC
- Joan Alexander
- Jack Sumberg
- Linda Alderton
- Jon Kaplan, VTrans
- Anna Gluckman
- Beana Bern
- Tina G & Makaio
- Doug and Cheri Afford
- Betsy
- Dayton Crites, D&K
- Julia Ursaki, D&K



Opening Statements from Randy Williams

- This is a last minute transition from an in-person meeting to completely online due to COVID cases in Glover
- Planning Commission has been working on this project over the past several months, to put this plan together and selected D&K as the consultants.
- We are making a reasonable plan to revitalize the downtown, both the main drag of Glover and the Town Green. The Green has been underutilized for 110 years!
- Ongoing engagement at the Farmer's Market, Curriers, and online surveys has been happening since summer 2021
- We want an implementable plan to make the Town more functional, safe (traffic, parking, lighting) and make the Town Green more serviceable

Background

- What we heard in public engagement: this should be a plan that works for people who live in Glover, not for tourists. We want local buy in, and reflect Glover's special and unique character
- Improvements need to be right-sized. How do we build momentum?

What do you love to do?

- We want to tailor this plan to what the people in Glover want to do. Volunteers doing what they love to do are better volunteers!
- Tell us in the online survey

Village Green Concepts

- Concept 1: Trees stay where they are; added gateway linking to a new sidewalk along Route 16 and accessible pedestrian walkway through the Green.
 - Phase 1 is Town Green property (multi-use pavilion, pathway, access off of Glover Street with public parking. No more loop road around the Green.
 - Phase 2 is Fire Department property (river access, community gardens)
 - Question: would the "shortcut" drive between Route 16 and Still Hill be removed?
Answer: yes
- Concept 2: Walking access onto the Green is similar to how it is now (where you walk into the grass). Trees are reconfigured: create an edge along the border of the road. Remove trees in the middle of the green to create a larger, contiguous space that has space for a skating rink. Parking access is from Still Hill; an accessible pedestrian route from parking goes to the river access.
 - Phase 1/Phase 2 options are still the same
 - Comment: On Concept 2, the fencing near the private properties might make it challenging access for people on wheelchairs. It's a pretty long route from Still Hill entrance to Glover St. If the park is upgraded, older population may want to utilize the park more and this concept makes it more difficult to access the park.



- Q: How much parking in total? 4 to 5 spaces as shown, but there is still flexibility. Up to 10 spaces (but this would create a large amount of parking lot on the Green). Randy notes that there may be some potential to park across the street at VT Fish and Wildlife Property
- Q: Knowing that the Union House is only two doors down, is it possible to have access from the Union House, directly around the back to the river access? A: There is private property in between, though this is still possible
- Patricial Russell (owns Union House and Leonard House)
 - Wants to make sure that the sprinkler line that goes through the green is preserved. 12 inch water line that is buried ~8-10 feet through the park. D&K requests for documentation of water utilities in the park.
 - Concerned about proposed access (straight in, straight out) - leave enough room to get an 8 foot plow through here.
 - Sidewalk currently ends at the church. Very hard to take patients for a walk without sidewalks.
 - Likes the idea of a gazebo-type ADA accessible structure. Many people in Glover who need ADA access.
- Q: What is the building on the Green? A: still open to ideas here - but the idea is that it's an open pavilion, can be used as a performance space, rented out for events. (Note, speaker would prefer an open building, not enclosed building)
 - Potential for a single back wall to be boarded up (maybe towards private property) - for privacy and noise reduction. One example is the Hardwick pavilion

Village Street Concepts

- Concept 1
 - New sidewalk is proposed along both sides of the road, this would impact Union House parking access (would need to be reconfigured). Median is proposed for traffic calming. Village Core: focus your beautification efforts here. Decorative banners and curb extensions to establish on-street parking.
 - Q: resident whose driveway access is difficult to access from Route 16. Notes that maintenance of bump outs or sidewalk may be difficult, steep hills coming down to Route 16 deposit sand and sediment along the road. Also, there is parking all along the road that bothers residents. Deliveries at Curriers and plowing may pose challenges for a narrow highway that's busy.
 - Jon Kaplan, VTrans: if this remains a route that the State is plowing, need clear width of 14 feet (but actually 14 or 16 feet) (i.e. from centerline to curb or median). Drainage and stormwater are also considerations.
 - Doug Safford: sidewalks through Town are a great idea; but sidewalks are not plowed in the winter. State does not plow the sidewalk over the bridge on Route 16. Somebody needs to maintain the sidewalks or crosswalks, so everybody can



use them. Love the median and the bump outs ideas, knows that it has worked in other places.

- Concept 2
 - Traffic calming by road narrowing at strategic locations. Sidewalk along the west side of the street (would still impact Union House). Decorative lighting and bump outs in the Village Core.
 - Q: Union House owner is concerned about parking access. For deliveries, tractor trailers park near church access. Concerned about sidewalk being right along Union House building. Needs fire truck access, need garbage truck access.
 - Jon K (VTrans): points out that VTrans demonstration guidance is available online and things can be tested “on the ground” with temporary materials so folks can see what they look like before committing building
 - Doug: supportive of these ideas, doesn’t want to disadvantage anybody, but we need to improve the Town!
 - Barb Delzio:
 - likes the idea of a gateway. From the north end, we already have the bridge which is narrowed. What about a pole/overhang that says something like “welcome to Glover” on that side. But here is plenty of space near the green for a bump out/median gateway.
 - Look at circulation for parking at Curriers (hard to see people when backing out).
 - Thinks sidewalk should only be on one side of the street due to cost and needs.
 - Likes skating rink in the park during winter. What about a volleyball net during the summer? More activities for teenagers/younger people.

Next Steps

- D&K to work with Steve Lowe to put visioning content to Heart of Glover website
- Heart of Glover committee will be present at Farmers Market for next three weeks
- In the winter: more refined designs. Stay tuned!