

**Glover Town ARPA Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2022**

Committee Members Present: Jethro Hayman, Chair; Elizabeth Nelson; Heidi Cooperstein,
Town Administrator: Brian Carroll

Jethro called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm. He gave each of us copies of the eight applications that the town had received to date. Given the volume of applications, the committee decided to review 7 requests tonight. Brian said more applications may be submitted at the end of the week and we will have to meet next week to review them.

The committee decided that all applications would be reviewed and a recommendation of high or low priority would be sent to the select board.

Brian informed us that some ARPA funds have already been encumbered and will go to NEK Broadband, upgrades to the Town Hall, digitizing of Glover land records and Brian's salary. That leaves \$246,418 to allocate over the next two years.

Following is a list of the submissions the committee reviewed.

#1 Town of Glover: Security Cameras

Description: The town is requesting funding for security camera to be installed at the Municipal Building and Town Garage. \$9,958.00

Discussion: The committee agreed that cameras are needed but concerned that the equipment requested will quickly become obsolete. The committee would like to see alternatives considered for recycling and the ball field where there is no WiFi connection. Jethro said there are more up to date and less expensive systems that the town could investigate.

Recommendation: High Priority. Jethro will contact the town clerks and ask them explore other systems.

#2 Craftsbury Community Care Center: Ventilation system of facility

Description: The Craftsbury Community Care Center (CCCC) requested monies to install energy recovery ventilation units. This would be an up grade to the current system, installed in the mid-1990s and would make the building more energy efficient. \$10,000.

Discussion: The committee wrestled with how we could justify spending money for a facility in another town. The committee was unable to explain how this would benefit Glover.

Recommendation: Low Priority

#3 Glover Historical Society: Printing of "Glover History Cards" and reprinting of "History of the town of Glover, Vermont"

Description: The cards are prizes for students that correctly guess the "What is it?" monthly mystery item contest at the Glover Community School. \$840. The Glover Historical Society published "History of the town of Glover, Vermont" in 1983 and had printed 1500 copies. Today there is only one hard copy for sale. The request is for reprinting of 400 copies. \$7885.

Discussion: The committee agrees this is an important part of our heritage. The quote for reprinting the books is from 2016. The committee has several concerns about printing costs for the cards and books, and benefits of having a stockpile of hard copy books versus eBooks.

Recommendation: Liz will contact Joan to support the exploration of other printing options for both requests and consideration and value of eBooks that would be available to a wider audience.

#4 Glover Historical Society: Window replacements on the 2nd floor of the municipal building.

Description: The request is for funds to replace 11 of the 15 windows on the second floor of the Municipal Building in rooms that house the Glover Historical Society. \$7,800.

Discussion: The committee is concerned that the quote does not accurately reflect the cost of materials and labor in our area. We feel that this is not an appropriate approach and needs to be part of a bigger upgrade to the building.

Recommendation: Low Priority

#5 Shadow Lake Association: Raising awareness of Health of Glover Lakes

Description: Glover ARPA funds will support Phase 2 of Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) and “for Orleans County NRCD to continue their work with Watershed Consulting to finish design and implementation”. \$ 6,800.

Discussion: The town of Glover supports the work of the LWAP. The committee is unsure about the process put forth in this application and what the impact will be for our community. We would like to see more concrete objectives.

Recommendation: Heidi will contact Jen Andrews for follow-up.

#6 Ann Creaven: Construction of one Pickle Ball Court

Description: An estimate for the construction of one Pickle Ball Court at Glover Field was submitted. \$55,267.

Discussion: The committee supports this outdoor recreation option that would serve a cross section of the population. The committee would like to know the cost of building two courts.

Recommendation: High Priority. Liz will contact Ann

7 Tabitha Armstrong: Glover Botanical Garden

Description: The request is for the construction of a botanical garden in Glover that is handicapped accessible. \$100,000.

Discussion: This funding request is for a project that would be located outside of the village. With the focus on accessibility we are concerned that the location is not within walking distance of town or senior housing residents. We had questions about who would maintain the garden. The committee appreciates the goal of this request.

Recommendations: Brian will follow up with Tabitha to see if she is interested in resubmitting a smaller project that could be part of the Glover Green with easy access for town and nursing home residents.

Next Meeting : October 5, 3:00 -5:00 PM, Glover Municipal Building

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Submitted by Heidi Cooperstein