

Glover Selectboard Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, December 21, 2020

Present: Jack Sumberg, David Simmons, Nick Ecker-Racz, Jason Choquette, Cindy Epinette, Transcriber. Attending via Zoom: Brian Carroll, Jen Andrews, Shadow Lake Association President, Brad Gebbie, David Burke and Noah & Tabitha Armstrong.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:42pm.
2. Review of Agenda: The Board added a discussion about the Orleans County Sheriff's Office November services.
3. Minutes: **Dave made a motion, seconded by Brian to approve the minutes dated December 10, 2020. The motion carried.**
4. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors:
 - a. Nick Ecker-Racz – Fish & Wildlife Agreement (2008) and Old Schoolhouse Lot on Old Duck Pond road:
 - i. Nick suggested working with Vermont Fish & Wildlife to update the agreement. Jack indicated that the Vermont Fish & Wildlife agreement should be included/worked on when the Planning Commission begins work through the Planning Grant.
 - ii. Old Schoolhouse Lot on Old Duck Pond road: Nick has flagged the markers for the boundary lines on this property. Jack will follow-up with the individual who is interested in obtaining a right-of-way across the property.
 - b. Jason Choquette – Sewer Hookup: Jason is researching the possibility of connecting a sewer line into the sewer system in West Glover. Jack indicated the system has the capabilities of adding users to the sewer system and Jason will have to complete an application to do so.
5. Announcements for Review: none.
6. Reports:
 - a. Road Update: none.
7. Old and Unfinished Business:
 - a. Town Meeting Planning: The State of Vermont has given Selectboards the discretion to hold town meetings through Australian Ballot or postponing town meeting to a later date, for the 2021 Annual Meeting only, due to health concerns as a result of COVID-19. The Board attended a meeting to learn more about Australian Ballots and shared that information with those who attended this meeting. The pros and cons of each option were discussed. The Board sought public input about their preference. After some discussion, **Brian made a motion, seconded by Jack, to adopt the Australian Ballot method of completing town business for 2021 in lieu of holding an "in-person" town meeting in 2021. The motion carried.** The Board is not confident that an "in-person" town meeting will be a viable option in the next six months. Jack will contact the Secretary of State's office to determine if the Selectboard can change the date of the vote to coincide with the unified school district's vote.
8. New Business:
 - a. TAN Approval: Two banks submitted proposals for the 2021 TAN, Community National and Passumpsic. **David made a motion, seconded by Brian, to accept the Non-Arbitrage funds for \$341,255 at 1.54% interest expense and 1.79%**

interest income as proposed by Community National Bank. The motion carried.

- b. Orleans County Sheriff's Office Request and Report: The Board reviewed a proposal to pay the annual contract quarterly versus monthly. **David made a motion, seconded by Brian, to continue to pay for services on a monthly basis. The motion carried.** The Board reviewed the November report. No action taken.

9. Board Action:

- a. The Board signed the director's orders.

10. Adjourn: Brian made a motion, seconded by Dave, to adjourn at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber

Jack Sumberg, Chair

David Simmons

Brian Carroll