

Glover Equity Committee
MINUTES
10 April 2025

Present: Heidi Cooperstein, Ann Creaven, Betsy Day, Barb Delzio, Lindsey Gillette, Sara Gluckman, Karen Hack, Jethro Hayman, Chair, Mariel Hess, Maria Hill, Vice Chair, Carmela Young, Darlene Young, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m. at the Glover Town Hall. We began with check-ins.

Headwaters Land Trust

Members of the Headwaters Land Trust met with Glover community members; part of the discussion was the ways in which the Equity Committee can help in addressing the housing shortage through the trust. One way we can do that is by advising the select board of property that is up for tax sale that might be good for a land trust project – either a piece of open land for new construction or an existing structure for a renovation project. Rather than selling the property at tax sale, it could be given to the land trust. There is a committee to address housing issues that meets the fourth Sunday of each month from 4-5 at the East Craftsbury Church. Different land trusts use different models and have different priorities. The Morrisville Land Trust, for example, is focusing on elder housing.

Community Garden

Anyone interested in being involved in the Community Garden project is invited to meet at the Glover Park on Saturday, April 19 at noon. We still have funding from last year's sensory trail project that has been designated for the garden.

The committee has funding to support two interns again this year. Some of the funding is through a Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant; the rest is through the University of Vermont. The job has been advertised but we have not gotten the same level of interest as last year. Jethro recommended that if we don't find strong candidates, we may not want to hire interns. Ann and Lindsey volunteered to help Jethro with interviews.

Mud Season Dance

Maria has a signed contract with the five-member band, Mellow Yellow, from Burlington for our third annual Mud Season Dance on Saturday, May 3 at the town hall. Posters are made and being distributed. The event will again be free but donations at the door are encouraged. The Dinner House will again provide the food, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Attendees will be encouraged to support the restaurant's new venture through generous tips. The music will start at 7:30 p.m. It seems likely that the band will not need overnight accommodations.

Carmela and Sara volunteered to be greeters at the door. Barb, Mariel, Darlene and Jethro volunteered to help with clean up on Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

Elder Caucus

An elder caucus meets the second Thursday of every month at the Barton Memorial Building. Lunch is at noon, followed by the caucus. Contact Barb for more information.

Flood Shed

Northeast Kingdom Organizing (NEKO) is encouraging towns to prepare for future floods by setting up a small shed with essential equipment and supplies that are readily available, e.g. fans, shovels, buckets, gloves. NEKO will share more info as planning progresses.

Canvassing in Glover

Barb proposed canvassing in Glover to ask questions, such as how to make Town Meeting accessible to more people. There was a discussion about people's varied experiences with canvassing.

Dabble Day

Karen spoke about Dabble Day at the Coventry School on April 12 from 9 to noon. The day, sponsored by Building Bright Futures, offers a variety of activities for kids 0-8 years of age. Karen has a collection of children's picture books that she provides to children to look at and read during the event. Mariel offered to help her. Many of the books depict characters from diverse groups.

Easter event

Since no one stepped forward to provide leadership for the event, it was cancelled.

Potluck/Discussion

Committee members expressed interest in resuming our potluck/discussion evenings. Darlene volunteered to reach out to David about organizing the next potluck/discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Meetings are held each month. Next meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 4 p.m. at the Glover Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Young, Secretary