

Glover Planning Commission Meeting

February 18, 2022

The zoom meeting started at 7:03 Julia (D&K), Randy, Mariel, Doug, Ann and Liz were present. Steve talked with Randy and Liz before the meeting as he could not attend.

This meeting is about the presentation of the Glover Green and RT 16 plan at Town Meeting next week. Julia asked if we wanted Dayton to be physically at the meeting as Glover is holding an actual in person meeting. We decided that would be good and Julia needs to know the approximate time he should be there. We will get that information to him.

Randy informed us and Julia of the grant proposal from Peggy concerning the Hinman Road hiking trail project. Julia said we should mention this tying into regional plans.

Julia reviewed the new graphics of the plan.

Various questions:

Mariel and Liz asked about the "hard space". Julia said this is sometimes seen as a meeting place with benches.

Liz asked about a more direct access on handicap accessible paths from the nursing home. Julia did not realize that the house behind Sylvia's is owned by Pat Russell which might make permission for that path easier to get.

Julia will indicate on the plan that the brushy area between the river and the designated parking area might be cleaned up – small trees and bushes trimmed..

We talked about an electric car charging post as a possible addition. Julia said local Thetford people used it when the power was out.

We discussed temporary additions to the space before permanent structures were built. For example: a larger tent than Randy has used for the Farmer's Market, picnic tables and benches.

The suggested street plan supports the concept of a narrower street slows down traffic. On the plan the proposed sidewalk looks very close to Sylvia's lawn but Julia said that is actually not the case.. Jim is in favor of angled parking in front of Currier's. Anything we do on or near the roadway has to pass muster with VTrans. The concept of temporary chalk lines for parking lines was discussed to see how it would work.

Again we emphasize that this plan is a concept, not a blueprint.

Julia talked about "scoping studies" which would be a more refined plan in order to get grant money. Gateway signs are a possibility, but are not on the concept drawing. Julia will send some examples.

We talked about the bridge and how sight lines are bad for turning onto RT 16. Also where should our one allowed crosswalk go, or can we dispute this with VTrans? No mirrors allowed by VTrans.

We will talk with VT Fish and Wildlife about mowing paths in the area across the road from the green. It would be good if a small part of that could be mowed for extra parking.

The suggestion was made that perhaps we can hire a manger for the whole project; the salary built into a grant proposal. Julia thought this is a good idea, a usual approach.

We would like easy responses from the audience so there will be cars and a suggestion box at the meeting and a place on the Heart of Glover site on the town website for comments. We should have a date planned for a follow up discussion so we can announce it at the meeting.

We need 11 x 17 copies of the plans and Julia will put information on the handouts. Next week will be the final report from D&K

We thanked Julia and the rest of the D&K team for their efforts on Glover's behalf.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Liz Nelson