

Glover Planning Commission meeting May 3, 2018

This is an open meeting sponsored by the Glover Planning Commission to discuss and vote on an application for Glover to have a Village Center designation.

Ann C., Randy, Mariel, Jim, Jack Carmela and Liz were present.

The meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:04 PM>

Jack commented that we meet the minimum criteria for "Village Centers". We think there should be two: Glover village and West Glover village.

We were a village center until 2004. Peter Letzelter-Smith did work on this designation in 2009. The Village designation was "de-designated" in 2014.

The benefits are being able to give tax credits for Federal taxes and to be eligible for façade benefits. Also code improvements and new technologies are eligible for tax credits. It gives the town priority for state grants: municipal, historic and transportation, state buildings and general services as well as neighborhood development. There is also the possibility of housing help in fee reduction.

The application steps look not too difficult; there needs to be evidence of intention to apply. We have some aerial photos and boundary maps and these photos need to tie in with the maps. There is no zoning, uninterrupted density and pedestrian oriented with sidewalks.

Ideas and questions:

Many funding sources for "Village Greens" need the "village center designation program" as an entrance to applying under the Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Resources: 148 Village greens across VT.

There are grants available from \$30,000. to \$1,000,000.

Can we link the school playground to the green?

Guerilla gardening: plant hundreds of spring bulbs in random places

Sidewalks in both Glover and West Glover

Fiber optics in our area.

We need to meet with Richard Amore at DHCD in June. He will do a walk-around with a couple of members of the Planning Commission and then make a presentation to the Planning Board and Selectmen and the public about the possibilities of the Village Center Designation Program.

Randy moved that we pursue the application for a Village Center designation. It was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Nelson