Glover Planning Commission meeting minutes

June 21, 2022

Randy called the zoom meeting to order at 7:12 PM. Steve, Mariel, Liz, Jim, Carmela, Ann Creaven and Randy were present.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Randy: We are trying to prioritize actions suggested in the Master Planning Grant and establish a timetable. The most popular suggestions are: diagonal parking, improving the sidewalk and a crosswalk at Bean Hill/RT 16.

Pat Russell has created a path in front of the house she owns between the Nursing Home and the green.

We discussed how to proceed with changes to parking in front of Currier's Market. Randy suggested he should go before the Selectboard to propose a plan to temporarily mark out diagonal parking. No concrete plan of action was decided upon.

The ownership of the Green is still unresolved but moving (slowly) forward.

We discussed picnic tables:

They should be handicap accessible tables on the green

They should be theft/vandal proof – cables to a buried cement block?

Area between the green and the riverside needs to be cleaned up (undergrowth and lots of stuff behind the Fire Dept white building

Steve: Possible donations of materials and plans

Mariel will get picnic table plans and materials list from a friend

Once it cleaned up we can ask the VT Fish and Wildlife person to "shock" the water in a demonstration of the fish population.

Diagonal Parking:

Mariel suggests posters describing the new system.

Posted bar codes for explanation? An idea not too enthusiastically received.

What kind of paint for the lines?

Trail from the school to green:

Jim has drop flags for marking the trail

Randy will talk with Butch Currier who owns the land.

Glover Day is cancelled. Randy said there were too many things that weren't possible to achieve. No T-shirts available, no tents available, no reply from VTrans for race permissions. The Glover Day committee will use the time before next year's Glover Day to organize.

Randy's Planning committee list:

The Green as a project

Main Street; parking, beautification, light poles with brackets for banners etc.

Crosswalk Guerilla tactic?

Funding -- ARPA money? That is up in the air. Carmela asked, "Can it be used for grant writing?" Brian is available for that.

Randy will contact the VTrans to discuss the crosswalk idea at Bean Hill/RT 16. Cheri and Doug have offered to host a RT 16 residents meeting.

Possible activities that could happen on the Green? Ice skating, music venue, public gatherings

Ann Creaven reported about Fish and Wildlife area research. The new Fish and Wildlife person seems agreeable to some ideas of use. He didn't have a lot of reasons against using that field as a place to have access to the river. He suggested steps to curtail erosion and to be a designated entrance.

There was a brief discussion of marketing suggestions: community identify and/or branding. Wayfinding system/ signage

The Glover Trails project is moving forward. We will discuss signage for trails and hikes next meeting.

The final report from D&K is finished but we feel it is unsatisfactorily finished as the section about the marketing survey is not incorporated into the body of the report and exists as only an appendix. Although we have had some emails back and forth about this they maintain that they will be over budget if they take the time needed to address this issue. The issue seems to be a draw.

The Energy Committee is distributing information about Window Inserts. The fabricating of windows event will be in October in the Town Hall.

The Equity Committee has welcome baskets, brochures, gift certificates. An "All are Welcome Here" sign is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted, Liz Nelson, Secretary