

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2023 – Glover Volunteer Fire Department Building

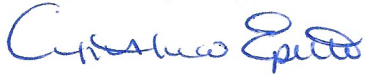
Present: Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Dave Simmons, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, Dan Clark, Adam Heuslein, Glover Ambulance, Phil Brooks, Emergency Manager, Jen Andrews, Shadow Lake Association President, Tim Plastridge, Brenda Plastridge, Lake Parker Association President, John Wooten, Cori Dudley, Chris Cano, Brian Carroll, George Dunbar, Mariel Hess, Glover Energy Committee, Nick Ecker-Racz, Patricia Kules, Doug Safford, Chris Roy, Newport Daily Express, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Leanne reminded everyone about the meeting protocol: you may speak when called upon and you must address the Selectboard, not the audience.
2. **Additions to the agenda:** The discussion regarding Pingdom was postponed until the next meeting.
3. **Minutes: Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to approve the minutes dated July 13, 2023 as corrected and July 27, 2023 as presented. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:**
 - a. Mike shared that the road crew have been grading, ditching, they continue to haul gravel to repair washouts and they've been mowing. The roads are back in pretty good shape. The Selectboard indicated they had received a letter of praise for the work the road crew has been doing, from the town of Greensboro.
 - b. **Excess Weight Permit:** Leanne shared the results of the research she had done. Barton sends a letter to remind businesses that when they travel on Barton roads they must complete and pay for an excess weight permit. However, Barton does not enforce it. They leave it up to the business to follow through with their responsibilities and the businesses take the risk if they don't. The Glover Selectboard was in favor of following Barton's lead. It was suggested we contact the State Agency of Transportation (AOT) to determine how enforceable it is. Also, it was suggested to have the Chronicle and Newport Daily Express include it in their column.
 - c. **Snowplowing Letter:** A letter was mailed to all residences, along with their 2023 property tax bill, reminding them of the State law prohibiting plowing snow across the town road. The Selectboard believe they are allowed some leeway to permit plowing across the road as long as the road is cleaned up.
5. **Wake Boating Ban Proposal (SLA/LPA):** Leanne reminded everyone that the Town cannot make regulations regarding wake boat usage on the lakes. The Town can recommend support of certain restrictions and regulations. Leanne read an email from a homeowner who disagreed with recommending a ban on wake boating on Shadow Lake and Lake Parker. Many folks spoke up in support of recommending a ban on wake boating if a 1000 foot restriction is not included in the regulations. Dave indicated he supported recommending the 1000 foot shoreline restriction but he was not in favor of a ban on the lakes. **Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, to write a letter in support of banning wake boating on Shadow Lake and Lake Parker if the 1000 foot restriction is not included in the regulations. The motion passed with a vote of 2-1.**

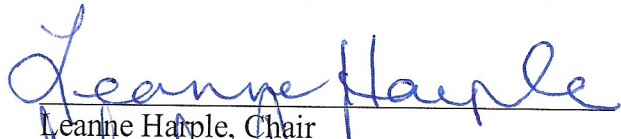
6. **Energy Committee Update (Action):** The Energy Committee has get free energy assessments for the town buildings: the town hall, municipal building and fire station. Phil made a motion, seconded by Dave, in support of the Energy Committee pursuing these energy audits. They also encourage an energy audit on the Recycling center building.
7. **Website Update:** Cindy indicated the areas on the website that had outdated information has been updated.
8. **GREC Funds Update:** Theresa received a quote from Round Hill Fence Co to build a short fence at Glover Park for \$2,688.16 or a full length fence for \$5,426.74, which would be four feet high, to prevent folks from going into the gravel pit. **Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil to accept the full length fence at \$5,426.74 to be paid with GREC funds. The motion carried.** There was a suggestion to purchase signs that indicate no camping at Glover Park and additional signs be purchased to indicate no camping on any town property.
9. **Glover Green Update:** Three out of four abutting landowners have signed the Quit Claim Deed to identify the boundaries of the Glover Green. The last abutting landowner is confused about water rights. A letter is being mailed to that person to help clarify any questions/concerns.
10. **2023 Flood Update:**
 - a. Phil Brooks indicated the Preservation Trust, USDA, and VT Community Foundation may have funds available to help the town with flood recovery expenses. He has been working with the river engineers regarding cleaning the sides of the river. The Selectboard must approve any suggestions the engineers present. The Town is part of the Flood Plain Zone Management Plan which makes us eligible for State assistance. The Flood Plain Zone Management Plan needs to be updated. Michael Ladd is the Flood Plain Zoning Officer.
 - b. Debris Management Plan: Phil confirmed the State has mandated that towns are responsible for collecting flood debris from homes. We can use the State contractor and have AOT pick up debris by Labor Day. If we use the State contractor, the State will bill FEMA for those services directly. We need to make a decision to identify when debris will be collected, how it will be collected and communicate that information with residents. That information can be posted on the website, Facebook and the regular posting locations.
 - c. No update on the FCC radio frequency application.
 - d. Town Assistance on Bank Remediation (Doug Safford): Doug indicated a Senior River Engineer from the State has suggested some work be completed on the river bank behind his home and will design the plans. Doug is requesting use of town machinery to help with the process. It is unclear whether or not a permit to work hear the river bank is required or not.
11. **Town Administrator Update (as needed):** none
12. **Open public comment period:** none.
13. **Signing of Director's Orders:** The orders were signed.
14. **Executive Session (Personnel Matter):** Phil made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to go into executive session at 8:19pm to discuss a personnel matter.
15. **Executive session** was concluded at 8:35pm. The Board decided to give Mike, Scott and Harvey a \$250 bonus to express their gratitude for the hard work they did during the flood. Also, they authorized the road crew to offer assistance to the Town of Greensboro, to help them repair/replace and clean some Greensboro roads due to flood damage.

16. **Adjourn:** Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

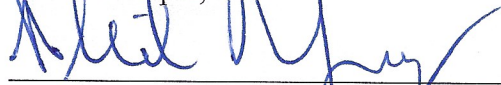
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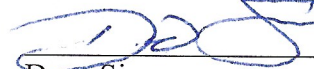
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