

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2023

Present: Dave Simmons, Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Nick Ecker-Racz, Ann Creaven, Chris Roy, Newport Daily Express, Davi Bock, Mike Pray, David Sears, Mikiar Hecht, Kyle Woolard, Josh Tipton, Jason Choquette and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.
Attending via Zoom: Doug Safford.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Changes to the Agenda:** The Board added a notice regarding the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), a letter received from Pope Memorial Animal Shelter, an update regard the Barton Village Trustees and Northeast Kingdom Waste Management update.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** **Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil to approve the minutes dated December 22, 2022. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:**
 - a. The Board reviewed the Certificate of Mileage from the State. No changes were necessary, and the Board signed the Certificate.
 - b. David Sears was present to request Griffin Place, a 3rd Class road, be reclassified as a private driveway. The Board will research the process necessary to change the classification. In the meantime, the road crew has been directed to discontinue plowing Griffin Place. Brian suggested Mr Sears contact the abutting landowners and inform them of this request.
 - c. Greensboro Gravel Pit: The Town is interested in purchasing approximately 8.5 acres of this gravel pit. Mike did some research and suggested the Town offer \$65,000 for the pit. It's estimated it will cost an additional \$24,000 to clear the overburden and make it a usable pit. **Dave made a motion, seconded by Leanne to offer \$65,000 for approximately 8.5 acres to begin negotiations. The motion carried.**
5. **Cannabis License:** The Board received notification that 3 more licenses have been issued by the State of Vermont – 2 Tier 1 Small Cultivator licenses and 1 Manufacturing licenses. There were no objections to these organizations receiving these licenses.
6. **2023 Non-Arbitrage Bid:** Cindy requested bids from 3 credit unions, in addition to the Community National Bank. All the credit unions declined to submit a proposal. **Dave made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to approve the bid from Community National with interest expense of 2.58% and income of 2.88%. The motion carried.**
7. **ARPA Update/Action:**
 - a. Brian conducted a survey to gather input from residents as to how the remaining ARPA funds should be spent. The preliminary responses indicated the following priority: Renovations to the Town Hall, Pickleball Court and Security Cameras at town building.
 - b. **Dave made a motion, second by Leanne, to allocate \$40,000 for repairs to the Town Hall and \$25,000 for the Pickleball Court. The motion carried.**
8. **Hybrid or In Person Meeting Discussion:** Doug Safford voiced his opinion that hybrid meetings should continue. Leanne expressed concern about not having directions to operate the Zoom meetings when Brian is absent. She suggested creating an account with Google Meets, which she is familiar with. She has volunteered to coordinate with Jethro to get this set up.
9. **Middle School Consolidation Discussion (Davi Bock):** Davi Bock has been elected to represent Glover on the LRUEMS school board, to replace Dan Demaine. Davi would like

input from residents regarding the potential consolidation of the middle schools. He can be reached at dbock@ocsu.org.

10. Town Administrator Update:

- a. **Recycling:** The 2023 NEKWMD budget has been proposed at \$885,280. Registered voters in Glover will have the opportunity to vote on this budget on town meeting day. Brian also indicated Glover Recycling is accepting specific forms of Styrofoam for recycling.
- b. **Barton Village Trustees:** The Barton Village Trustees are encouraging Glover to upgrade the pump monitors. This monitor system will allow a person to keep tabs on what is happening remotely. The monitor system is estimated to cost \$8,000. **Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to allow Nate Sicard to purchase and install the monitoring system.** The motion carried.

11. Open public comment period (as needed):

- a. Kyle Woolard – Ping Pong Club: Kyle requested use of the Town Hall to hold ping pong games/tournaments. He also requested financial assistance. Phil volunteered to meet with Kyle to review the logistics of using the Town Hall. It was suggested Kyle also review the West Glover Church as a venue instead of the Town Hall.
- b. Jason Choquette: Jason is researching the possibility of adding 2-3 more homes in West Glover that will need to hook into the sewer line. Dave reassured him there is room to accommodate more hookups.

12. The Directors Orders were signed.

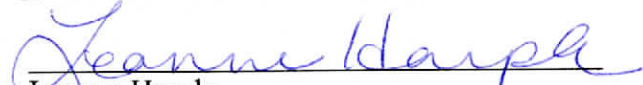
13. Adjourn: Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber



Dave Simmons, Chair

Leanne Harple

Phil Young