

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 8, 2022

Present: Dave Simmons, Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Brian Carroll, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, Scott Pray, Randy Williams, Nick Ecker-Racz, Ann Creaven, Dan Clark, Harvey Dunbar, Edward Stanojen, Robert Colaceci, Toni Eubanks, Sara Gluckman, James & Nella Coe, Tyler Scelza and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

Present via Zoom: Jack Sumberg, Mariel Hess, Doug Safford, Katharine Sims, Steve Lowe, Kelli Story and Heather Clark.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Changes to the Agenda:** The Board added an update from the Town Administrator.
3. **Approval of Minutes: Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil to approve the minutes dated November 10, 2022. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:**
 - a. Mike indicated the road crew has been plowing, sanding, filling in sink holes and working on muddy roads.
 - b. Dave indicated he and Mike will meet to discuss creating a permit for people who need to work in the towns' right of way.
 - c. **Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to increase the wages of Mike and Scott by \$1.50/hr. The motion carried.**
 - d. Dave indicated Richard LaClair Jr has been hired to fill the vacant road crew position at \$20/hr.
 - e. Dan Clark has requested the intersection of Roaring Brook road and Bean Hill road be salted when it snows.
5. **Vermonters Helping Vermonters (Robert Coleccecceci):** The Selectboard have received complaints regarding the accumulation of vehicles and tires on a piece of property on Dry Pond road/Route 16. Mr Coleccecceci was present to clarify what is happening on the property. He indicated tires are picked up and brought to the work site. Tires cannot be dropped off! The tires are recycled/baled and will be prepared to be used as construction material. The baled tires will be encased in cement and can be used as cement blocks and/or retaining walls. They are in the process of purchasing the land and will obtain the appropriate permits once that process has been completed. The vehicles on the premises are in the process of being registered. There was concern about the land being in a flood plain and contaminants/pollutants running into the river. Mr Coleccecceci indicated the State has marked the property lines that cannot be crossed in order to prevent pollutants from contaminating the water. The Selectboard has requested Mr Coleccecceci keep them informed of the progress on the Act 250 permit process and requested he become familiar with the waste ordinance.
6. **Energy Committee Update (ebike loan program):** The Energy Committee received a \$4,000 grant from VT Council on Rural Development – Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund Grant Program to purchase 2 ebikes. The bikes will be stored at the Glover Public Library where residents may borrow them for a designated period of time. The Energy Committee is in the process of purchasing those bikes. There is a draft of an agreement citizens must review and sign in order to borrow the ebike. The Energy Committee would like to have the town lawyer review the agreement and they would also like to speak with VLCT about liability. The Selectboard agree it is a good idea to have the agreement reviewed by the lawyers and for the Energy Committee to speak with VLCT.
7. **Orleans County Sheriff's Report (October):** Dave reviewed the October report. No discussion.

8. **VLCT – 2024 Dues:** The VLCT dues for 2024 will be \$2,565.
9. **ARPA Update/Action:**
 - a. Katharine Sims indicated there is \$4 million worth of grants available to municipalities. Some of these grants may be applicable to potential Glover projects. She encourages the Selectboard to review the list and apply for those that will benefit the town.
 - b. Other ARPA funding Requests: The Board is still contemplating funding project requests, using ARPA funds.
10. **Glover Planning Commission Update:** The Planning Commission were requested to submit a more detailed accounting of their request for ARPA funds. The Planning Commission have requested \$107,425 towards the Heart of Glover project. They will research and apply for other grants that will help fund the remaining balance of the projects. **Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, to allocate \$107,425 of the ARPA funds towards the Heart of Glover project. The motion carried.**
11. **Municipal Resolution (Planning Grant Appl):** Randy will send a copy of the resolution to the Board to sign.
12. **Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance Requirements:** The Board will create an ad for the Chronicle, requesting bids for specific projects at the town hall.
13. **Town Administrator Report:**
 - a. Recycling Update: Glover is a part of a pilot project to recycle hard Styrofoam. Brian will provide more information on the website and Front Porch Forum regarding what Styrofoam is recyclable versus unrecyclable. Nick Ecker-Racz has requested an analysis of the recycled materials for the annual report. There was concern that some materials have been put in the landfill instead of recycled. Brian reassured everyone that the materials brought to the recycling center are indeed recycled, they do not go into the landfill.
 - b. Quitclaim Update: Brian has been communicating with three of the four abutting landowners to the Glover Green. They have agreed to the new boundary lines. He is optimistic the fourth abutter will be in agreement as well and the process will be complete by the end of the year.
14. **Open Public Comment:**
 - a. Dan Clark inquired if the ARPA spending would be on a separate spreadsheet in the annual report. It was indicated that the ARPA spending would be separate from the general fund expenses.
 - b. Dan Clark wanted to confirm that organizations initiated by the Selectboard must submit reports in the Annual Report. Yes, all sub-committees organized by the Selectboard must submit a report that will be published in the annual report.
 - c. Dan inquired about the Selectboard Report in the Annual Report. Dave indicated the Selectboard Report represents what has been happening in the town, it is not meant to separate the road projects versus general fund projects.
 - d. Kelli Story introduced herself. She is the present owner of the Runaway Café property.
15. **The Directors Orders were signed.**
16. **Adjourn:** Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber



Dave Simmons, Chair



Leanne Harple



Phil Young