

Glover Town Planning Commission meeting March 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:05 PM.

Mariel Hess, Tabitha Armstrong, Noah Armstrong, Ann Creaven, Jack Sumberg, Nicholas Ecker-Ratz, Doug Safford, Randy Williams and Liz Nelson were present.

The CUD article passed in 27 towns during the Town Meetings on March 3, 2020. Glover needs to pick 2 members, a representative and an alternate, to be on that committee.

Town Green info: AARP community challenge and grant application. Pick a project and describe it, possible grant ensues. 5-6 communities in VT received a grant last year. It has to go through the municipality. The deadline is April 1st. Randy has the forms.

Nick has done some research on who owns our town green. He found a photo of grandstand that used to be on the green. It has two stories. The fire department might be willing to do something about the town green. We need ideas about how to design the green: landscape, plantings, fences and possible structures. A suggestion: Heather Clark knows how to design outdoor spaces.

Nick emailed the Universalist Society – now the Unitarian Society – and asked an archivist to look for records. Nick could not find anything in our records.

Three places have deeds; The Fire Department property with the white utility building has been surveyed.

Surveying problems...file a plat to quit claim the land for the town...combine the info from adjoining deeds of Still Hill (town road), the fire Dept. lot with the white building and the old firehouse owned by a log cabin company, and the next building owned by Pat Russell, and then at the road is Sylvia Cannizzaro's house to create a boundary for the green.

The Village Center Designation meeting with Alison Lowe needs to happen. We can apply on the first of the month on any month: Glover and West Glover to be Village Centers. West Glover perimeters should be expanded to include the cheese factory. There needs to be a walk around to determine the perimeters. There is USDA grant money for a charging station.

Events committee:

Glover Day

Library

Town Green

Ball field

Town Hall

There is some question about the School as a town event venue as it no longer belongs to the town of Glover.

Randy will have a Glover Day meeting in the next 3 weeks.

Question: How many seniors in Glover?

We discussed : Google calendar, Facebook page, Front Porch Forum and the Glover web page – someone has to do that work. How much time would it take? Maybe two hours a week? Could it be a paid person? A High Schooler doing community service? It would be good to figure out how to draw people to the Town's website.

Nick is the new Town Health officer. He went to a training for this position.

Ann Creaven reported on the Energy Committee. The site next to the West Glover ambulance garage is recommended for a community array. A letter of support from the Town Planning Commission needs go to NVDA to get the solar array project going. Leads for financial support for panels perhaps someone outside the town, Renewable VT might set up.

We discussed the Greater Greensboro Community visit and plan from VT Council on Rural Development. We could request a similar report. It cost the town nothing and is a perhaps helpful overview of the the town, its needs and potential.

Randy discussed an AARP survey of 16 pages to assess how people would like to live at the end of their lives. He is transferring the forms to a Google Doc form using the AARP survey as a template. There will be a link on line to send out. Then: what do we do with this information? Perhaps it would be useful for long term planning.

Current communication problems:

Losing the sense of a town center

Hard to get people to come out for activities

No houses for rent

Doug discussed the survey used for planning Hardwick's Atkin's Field. Bethany had said to keep it small and specific, then a report and action plan was good for consolidating support from the community, and good for grant writing.

Doug also brought up the VT Highway access signs. They are \$125 for the sign and \$100. a year for maintenance. He feels we need another sign to point to Glover as well as to Barton.

There will be a Glover Day meeting soon.

The next Glover Town Planning Committee will be April 13th at 7 PM at the Library.

Liz moved to adjourn the meeting, Mariel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson