

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 28, 2022


Board Members Present: Dave Simmons, Phil Young, Brian Carroll, Town Administrator, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber. Absent: Leanne Harple
Guests: Katherine Sims, Dan Clark, Phil Brooks, Harvey Dunbar, George Dunbar, Scott Pray, Matthew Wilson, the Chronicle, Walt Culver, Ed Barber, Charlotte Caspar, and Cory Bouthillette

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Changes to the Agenda:** The Board added a review of the June Orleans County Sheriff's report.
3. **Recognize the years of service provided by Harvey Dunbar:** Brian read a "Resolution" created in honor of Harvey's commitment/dedication to the Town of Glover. He was also presented with a gift certificate. Thank you Harvey for all you years of service.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Dave noted there were two errors on the proposed minutes dated July 14th, (1) Shadow Lake Association had not requested the Town mandate septic testing; (2) Cindy Epinette was appointed Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Agent and Agent to Deed Town Owned Property, effective July 28, 2022. Cindy will make those corrections and present the revised/corrected minutes to the Board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Also, Dan Clark voiced his objection that the letter of resignation was not mentioned prior to the Board going into executive session.
5. **Road Update:** The Road crew have been working on Perron Hill ditching and the truck is back on the road.
6. **Legislative Update** – Katherine Sims: Katherine Sims reviewed many changes over the last year as a result of COVID. The Education Tax formula has been addressed. There will be a Municipal Energy Assessment grant available soon, up to \$500,000.00. See NVDA for more information. The State will match 2:1 ARPA funds for broadband improvements. Katherine will send additional information to Brian about this arrangement. She stressed the importance of acting as soon as possible because the State ARPA funds are available on a "first come first serve basis". There is only one person representing Glover in the House of Representatives. The Board expressed concern over what is happening with pay and benefits for the local schools. Katherine indicated there is a plan to address new wages but it will take effect in the school fiscal year 2025, based on recalculations in Education Spending. The State is also reviewing Act 73 regarding special education costs. Standardized contracts are being discussed but no decisions have been made. Another concern is cell service. Katherine indicated "drive tests" are being conducted to identify the gaps in service. The last concern expressed regarded housing. Katherine indicated there is \$250 million set aside for extended home improvement funding.
7. **ARPA Update:**
 - a. **Committee Recruitment:** At the last meeting the Board decided to create a committee to review applications and make recommendations to the Board to award Glover's share of the ARPA funds. An ad has been placed on Facebook, Front Porch Forum and one will be posted in the Chronicle. No one has come forward to sit on this committee.
 - b. **Recycling Update:** There is an opening for a Recycling Attendant but no applications have been received to fill the position. It is a paying job. It was suggested to make the position a "volunteer" position where people can come in as their schedule allows.
 - c. **Website Update:** Jethro Hayman and Brian have been working on the new website. It's not complete yet. They intend to post photos of employees to help the public identify who is working for the town. They are hoping to have the new website up and running by mid-August.
 - d. **Quit-Claim Deed Update:** Brian is optimistic that the Quit-claim deed for the Glover Green will be finalized by the end of September.


- e. **Shadow Lake Watershed Action Plan:** There was a meeting on July 26th to review the water assessment for Shadow Lake. It was suggested that Lake Parker Association be included with these discussions.
8. **Appointment of Town Clerk/Treasurer:** This was addressed in the corrected minutes.
9. **Appointment of Delinquent Tax Collector:** Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to appoint Cindy Epinette as the Delinquent Tax Collector, effective August 1, 2022, to replace Donna Sweeney until the next regularly scheduled Town Meeting in March 2023. The motion carried.
10. **Quarterly Financial Update:** The Board had several questions about the financial report. The questions involved the oil tank replacement in the town hall, a discrepancy with the fire department insurance expense, a review of the oil expense for fire department and why is the wastewater propane expense so high. Cindy will research and report back to the board.
11. **Health Officer Appointment:** Nick is the present health officer. He has declined to be the health officer next year. Brian will draft an ad for Front Porch Forum and Facebook with a link that explains the role and responsibilities. If anyone is interested in being the Health Officer please contact Brian Carroll, Town Administrator.
12. **Town Hall Renovations:** Dave has expressed a concern about the condition of the town hall: the roof over the downstairs door (entrance into Senior Meals) needs to be removed or moved two feet higher to accommodate the plow in the winter; there are clapboards that need to be replaced; and the front steps need to be repaired/replaced before next summer. Katherine mentioned the Freeman Foundation may be able to help fund these repairs. She will share the contact information with Brian.
13. **Orleans County Sheriff's Office:** The Board reviewed the June report from the Sheriff's office. No action taken.
14. **Open Public Comment:**
- a. **Emergency Shelter:** Dan Clark wanted to confirm that the school is the Emergency Shelter not the fire station. And is the school generator still powered by a tractor? Dave will confirm.
 - b. **Walt Culver** expressed his appreciation for the work the road crew has done on Shadow Lake road. He particularly appreciated the two way communication shared between Shadow Lake Association and the Road Crew.
 - c. **"Welcome to Glover" sign:** Phil Brooks asked why the "Welcome to Glover" sign was moved. He shared some of the history behind why the sign was created. Dave responded that the sign was on private property and being vandalized. In the new location it is on Town property, it is more visible and if vandalized the Town can take appropriate action.
 - d. **Bean Hill signage:** Phil Brooks also mentioned there needs to be a "Reduce Speed Ahead" sign posted on Bean Hill. Dave and Mike to review the situation.
15. **The Directors Orders were signed.**
16. **Adjourn:** Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted

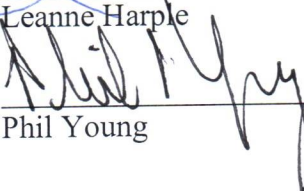
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Transcriber



Dave Simmons, Chair



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