

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2023

Present: Dave Simmons, Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, Nick Ecker-Racz,, Patricia Kules, Tyler Scelza, Dan Clark, Ashley Fontaine, Glover Ambulance, Chris Roy, Newport Daily Express, Matthew Wilson, Chronicle, Lydia Bodette, Town Administrator, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

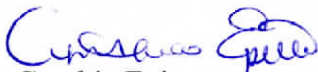
1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.
2. **Reorganization of the Board:**
 - a. **Elect Chairperson:** Dave nominated Leanne to be the Chair, seconded by Phil. The nomination was approved.
 - b. **Appoint a Clerk:** Dave nominated Cindy Epinette to be the Clerk, seconded by Leanne. The nomination was approved.
 - c. **Designate dates and times for Selectboard meetings:** Leanne made a motion, seconded by Dave, to continue to hold Selectboard meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. The motion carried.
 - d. **Designate public posting locations, newspaper of record and official website:** Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to continue to designate Parker Pie, Currier's Market and the Town Clerk's office as the office public posting locations, the Chronicle as the newspaper of record and the townofglover.com as the official website. The motion carried.
 - e. **Authorize Chair, and backup, to sign director's orders:** Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, designating Leanne to sign the director's orders and Phil be the backup. The motion carried.
 - f. **Adopt Rules of Procedure:** Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, to adopt the existing Rules of Procedure as written. The motion carried.
 - g. **Review Conflict of Interest Policy:** Dave made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to accept the existing Conflict of Interest Policy as written. The motion carried.
 - h. **Appoint Town Officers:** Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to appoint the following officers:
 - Fence Viewers:** Nicholas Ecker-Racz and Merle Young Sr.
 - Pound Keeper:** Job Breitmeyer
 - Inspector of Wood, Lumber & Shingles:** Bucky Shelton
 - Tree Warden:** Nicholas Ecker-Racz
 - Weigher of Coal:** Deborah Clark
 - Energy Co-Coordinator:** Ann Creaven & Mariel Hess
 - Grand Juror:** Milton Borrell
 - Equity Committee Chair:** Jethro Hayman
 - Glover Trails Committee Chair:** Peggy Day Gibson
 - Road Commissioners:** Selectboard
 - NVDA Representative:** Hope Colburn
 - Organization of Selectboard – Chairperson:** Leanne Harple
 - Organization of Selectboard – Clerk:** Cynthia Epinette
 - 911 Coordinator:** Kenneth Borland
 - Board of Zoning Adjustment:** Michael Fournier & Douglas Safford
 - Flood Plain Zoning Officer:** Michael Ladd


Recycling Coordinator & NEKWMD Supervisor: Lydia Bodette
NEK Broadband CUD Representative: Noah Armstrong & Alternate Hadley Piper
Fire Warden (5 year term): Robert Richards
Glover Day Committee President: Randy Williams
Glover Day Committee Secretary: Lucy Smith
Health Officer: Phil Young
Bicentennial Member-At-Large: Carmella Young
The motion carried.

- i. **Review/Update Local Emergency Plan (LEOP)** – postponed to the next meeting.
 - j. **Contract with Law Enforcement and Ambulance Services:** The Law Enforcement contract was not available for this meeting. **Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, to approve the Glover Ambulance Service contract for \$28,875 for the period April 1, 2023 – March 30, 2024. The motion carried.**
 - k. **Schedule the meeting with VTrans on road standards, projects, paving and budget.** Dave stated the meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 27th at 8am.
 - l. **Review Annual Board Calendar: Leanne made a motion, seconded by Dave, to approve the existing Board Calendar as written. The motion carried.**
 - m. **Review of Town Meeting:** It was the consensus that the meeting went well. It was suggested that the church be contacted to see if they would like to begin serving lunch again after town meeting next year or we should contact Glover-Barton Senior Meals to see if they would like to takeover that fundraiser.
 - n. **Additions/Deletions to the agenda:** The following topics were added to the agenda: review of a Jurisdictional Opinion, completion of a Municipal Impact Questionnaire, review of the West Wind turbine project, review a contract with Norwich Solar, discussion about adding a second phone line at the town clerk's office and discussion regarding naming of a road for 911 address purposes.
 - o. **Review and approval of February 23, 2023 minutes: Phil made a motion, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.**
3. **Road Update:**
- a. Mike stated the road crew have been plowing, sanding, winging back snow banks, and taking inventory of the signs that need to be replaced. He stated a plow truck went off the road on Daniels Pond road and some sand/salt spilled into the ditch. The State had been informed of this incident. Mike reassured the State the problem would be resolved in a timely manner. The problem was resolved the same day. Mike indicated they should move forward with ordering a new truck to replace truck #17 sooner than later. If the new truck is ordered now we will have a better chance of receiving it in the summer of 2024. Nick suggested reviewing the expenses for each vehicle to determine if we are getting enough use out of each vehicle before it's scheduled to be replaced, or should the town revise the replacement schedule to under 6 years per vehicle.
 - b. **Plowing Across Roads:** Mike is requesting support from the Selectboard to reinforce his efforts to discourage residents from plowing snow across the road. This practice is illegal and can create a driving hazard for motorists when the trail of snow is not cleaned up and then freezes. It was suggested a letter be sent to those folks, a reminder be put in the newspaper in the fall and a reminder be included when the tax bills are mailed out.
 - c. **Insurance Waiver: Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil to waive the six month waiting period for Richard LaClair to enroll in the health, dental and vision insurance benefits. The motion carried.**


- d. **Shadow Lake Road Maintenance:** It has been noted that Shadow Lake road is very rough, for both motorists and the town when plowing. The Board has received information from folks around the lake requesting the road be repaired but not left as a dirt road until paving funds are available. The Board has also received requests to complete the culvert work needed, grind the road, grade it as needed and put more chloride on it to keep the dust down in the summer, until it can be paved. Mike will contact paving companies to get quotes to grind the pavement and the cost to pave it. It was noted Parker road is very rough in the spring as well. It was suggested Mike review whether Parker road still has pavement under all the dirt.
- e. **Road Policy Update:** Nick drafted some suggested changes to the road policy that include reference to guidelines when working in the towns' right of way. The Board will review these proposed changes and discuss it further at the next meeting.
4. **ARPA Update:** It was noted that there is about \$40,000 of ARPA funds unobligated. Leanne suggested researching the possibility of making a contribution to the Glover Community School ski program. The program was eliminated this year.
5. **Personnel Policy Update:** The Board had discussed making some changes to the vacation section of the policy. Dave and Cindy will continue to work on these changes and present the proposed changes during the next board meeting.
6. **Glover Green Update:** The Board would like to move forward to finalize the boundaries and ownership of the Glover Green. Dave volunteered to consult with the attorney again to identify the town's options.
7. **Open public comment period:**
 - a. Dan Clark presented several questions: What is the update on building a salt shed? Dave indicated the quotes received several years ago were too expensive. It was noted that using the old town garage to store the salt is working fine. Dan also suggested that by May 1st each year, the Board and Town Clerk's office review tasks they are doing that are not required of their position and cease doing them or delegate the job to another person.
8. **The Directors Orders were signed.**
9. **Adjourn:** Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber



Leanne Harplo, Chair



Phil Young



Dave Simmons