

Glover Planning Commission minutes July 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Randy Williams, chair, at 7:11 PM.

Mariel Hess, Liz Nelson, Ann Creaven and Jim Bowes were present.

A motion to approve the Minutes as sent out by the Secretary was made, and approved.

An update on the status of the Green ownership: Randy sent an email to Leanne about Sylvia Cannizarro not signing off on the deed because she thought the date was wrong and that she thought all four points should be stated. But Leanne now thinks she is agreeable and will sign the document and send it to Leanne, who will send it to Sara Davies Coe. It may get resolved very soon.

Flood damage: Randy surveyed the inside of the Town Hall. It was muddy but structurally ok. This flood, called a 100 year flood, is not actually as high as what the state's estimate. He feels that is a good testament to the stability of the building. Randy checked the green after the flood. The small white building is OK. Pat Russell was there and said the Union House was not damaged, nor the Glover Church. They discussed how to bury the electric lines. The water lines to the Union House for the sprinkler system are extremely deep so buried electric lines will possibly not interfere with the water lines.

The Rock: The rock is brownstone. It had been left across the road from the yellow house by the Runaway Pond flood, but was in the way for the digging of the trench for the water line across the road and the green for the Union House. John Urie and his brothers rolled it down onto the green from across the road with horses to get it out of the way. At a later time Modern Woodmen put a commemorative plaque on it to honor Veterans.

Ann Creaven has been in contact with VTrans. Stephanie Lemieux, VTrans Northeast Traffic Investigator, who referred us to Doug Morton at NVDA, will come to observe and discuss the various possibilities of that area on RT 16 and the road crosswalk. Funding is another question. Ann talked with Theresa Perron who would like to be at that meeting. Ann will notify Randy also.

Randy talked with Katherine Sims who said Karen Gerharty worked for NVDA and knows it well. Katherine recommended us looking into a "Better Connection" grant.

Ann has looked into the "Better Places" grant for pickleball but it is limited to the geographical area of the town center. Randy has not heard from Megan Carter of North Woods, but she can't do the work until the winter or next spring anyway. We have until 2026 to complete the riverside project with North Woods.

James and Nella have some estimates for the engineering of the green surface. Ann will find out about a study of the traffic and pedestrian traffic on RT 16.

Liz mentioned the NVDA grant opportunities newsletter notifying us of an available grant for EV stations. Ann suggested an EV station at the school as well as at the green would be good. Randy will find out from Tin what happened with the EV station in Barton. Jim, Mariel and Ann will do some research on EV Chargers. For this grant the charger has to be installed within 12 months of approval.

Lake Parker and Shadow Lake Associations are sponsoring a conversation about lake quality and how the recent flooding has affected the septic systems around the lakes. Sarah Damsel is sponsoring a waste water discussion in the downstairs of the West Glover church on Saturday, July 29th at 9:30 AM to 1 PM.

Teresa Peron is putting together a volunteer list for town projects and emergencies.

At the last Selectboard meeting, the tire dump owner said he has a permit, but it is not known what kind of permit it is and from whom it was issued or what the permit is for. Jim Bowes said Act 250 aesthetics are probably not a sufficient reason to object, but we are concerned with runoff from the pile of cars and trucks and the thousands of tires. Randy will ask the Selectboard Chair Leanne about how to address this problem.

The next planning meeting is set for Tuesday August 22nd at 7:00 PM It will be a hybrid meeting (Zoom and in person in the Town Hall).

Mariel moved to adjourn the meeting: so moved at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Nelson, Secretary