

Glover Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2023

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Randy, James, Jim, Mariel, Ann Creaven and Liz were present.

Ann moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting, and Jim seconded. So moved.

Randy reported that the progress on the ownership of the Green is slow. Sylvia and the Glover Fire Department have signed off on their boundaries, but the Union House owners have some concerns about the water lines under the green that supply their sprinkler system. They hope this will be resolved at the next Selectboard meeting.

The damage to the utility building owned by the Fire Department was negligible. The refrigerator floated around a bit and there is mud to clean up, but no damage to the building. Ray is doing expansive repairs on his building, the old firehouse. Randy thinks he is planning on storing vehicles in the building. There is a rental apartment on the second floor.

It would be good to contact Butch Currier to ask about access for a trail through his property from the edge of Still Hill Road up to the school. Perhaps Nick or Carmela can facilitate this conversation.

The possibility of an EV charger to be located at the green was discussed. Jim will circulate the form around to the Planning Commission and a pre-application is in process and has received a file number. The Old Stone House has one installed and we will contact them to learn more about the process.

Randy talked with Angela who works for VT Electric Coop. She says there is enough power available in GLOVER Village for 3 phase power on the Green. The placement of the charging station should be integrated into the overall plan for the green.

Ann will find out what happened to the charger in Barton that used to be located at Memorial Auditorium.

Sara Damsell will be holding a "Lakewise" meeting on August 23 at the West Glover Church. This will be relevant information for Parker Lake and Shadow Lake property owners.

Ann has been following up with the VTrans and NVDA about the urgent safety issues around the intersection of RT 16, Dexter Mountain Road and Bean Hill. The hazardous situation has been underlined by a collision of one of the senior housing residents and a vehicle on RT 16. Visibility was the key issue. Ann had set up a meeting with Doug Morton in Glover to look at the site for NVDA and coincidentally was able to meet with Stephanie from VTrans who was at the site as well to assess the safety issues. Betsy Day had contacted Stephanie after the accident and a VTrans crew was there the next week to cut down the knotweed that was obstructing the sight lines of cars at the intersection.

Ann said that Betsy's action and the accident itself lighted a fire under VTrans to address the safety issue of the intersection and possibly by extension the parking and traffic in the center of Glover between Currier's and the Busy Bee. Doug and Stephanie are doing some legwork and Doug had some good ideas for funding. VTrans has a Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant.

Dubois and King had suggested a sidewalk on the Eastern side of RT 16 from Dexter Mountain to the Busy Bee, but two property owners adjacent to that part of the road were not in favor. There was a

suggestion to bring the sidewalk from the senior housing to the corner and have the crosswalk there. The crosswalks have to go from sidewalk to sidewalk.

Mariel wondered about a yellow light at the intersection but they said that was probably not going to be possible.

One suggestion was to narrow the roadway slightly as a deterrent to speed. Stephanie paced off the road from center line and said the sidelines could be moved in another foot. Another was to have a very active presence of the Sheriff for a week or two. Stephanie thought that perhaps the radar signs could be closer in to the center of the village. The idea of the town taking over the Class I certification was discussed. There is the expense to the town vs. benefits and less bureaucracy from the State to be weighed. We need input from the road crew and the Selectboard.

Putting a stop sign in the right place is difficult because of the asphalt. The "white bar" could possibly be painted closer to the intersection so a car could see oncoming traffic. This is something in Glover's jurisdiction.

James reported that they have received some proposals for the civil engineering and the landscape part of the project.

Grenier: both civil engineering and landscape. Assumes working with an utility. Assumes permits for river sediment. Quite expensive: \$32,000.

Nate Sicard: civil engineering only. Nuts and bolts, planning and permitting, manage construction, comprehensive: \$10,000. Add \$7,500. for consultants.

Ecotone: Landscape architects, East Hardwick. They would like to involve the community; the proposal is just for the planning: \$6,000.

James observed that even together, the Sicard bid and Ecotone bid (\$23,500.) are still quite less expensive than the Grenier bid. (\$32,000.)

These proposals are just for the planning and permitting.

We need designs in hand to get estimates on the actual work/materials and to apply for grants.

James observed there will be some permitting needed in this process.

We think the probable timeline will be to solicit bids from contractors in February and March, to begin work in late May or June. We also should contact Northwoods to find out their schedule for the river's edge part of the project that they have already made a proposal for.

Ann moved to adjourn at 8:01 pm. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson, Secretary