

Glover Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2016

Present: Brian Carroll, Mike Ladd, Jack Sumberg, Nick Ecker-Racz, Sue Medor, Dale McAllister.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. Amendment to the agenda: add Sheriff's report.
3. Minutes: **Jack made a motion, seconded by Brian, to approve the minutes dated October 27, 2016 as presented. The motion carried.**
4. Appearances by Local Citizens and Visitors: none.
5. Announcements for Review: none.
6. Reports:
 - a. Sheriff's monthly report was reviewed.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Road Classification for TH35, Telfer Road: The following motion, made by Jack at the previous meeting (Oct. 27, 2016), seconded by Brian and then postponed for 2 weeks was read again:

“Whereas the entire 0.60 miles of TH35, Telfer Rd, has not been maintained by the Town of Glover for many years; and whereas portions of the road as it presently exists are outside of the original town right of way; and whereas one or more portions of the original right of way cross areas that are now considered by the State of Vermont to be wetlands or wetland buffers; and whereas the town has been advised by a VT Agency of Natural Resources wetlands ecologist that a wetlands permit would be necessary in order to rebuild the road in the original right of way and that such a permit would not be issued unless compelling reasons can be brought forward for such a project; and whereas this selectboard does not believe that a compelling argument can be made for rebuilding and maintaining TH35 as a town road; and whereas considerable expense would be incurred by the town in order to have the original right of way surveyed and have the wetlands and buffers delineated and a permit application prepared by a qualified surveyor and wetlands consultant with little chance of obtaining that permit; and whereas the actual cost to the town of rebuilding and maintain the road in the original right of way, if permitted by the state, would be out of all proportion to the benefits derived from such a road project by the residents of Glover, and whereas, until public notice was given in May, 2016, of the selectboard's intention of discontinuing TH35, over many years no concern had been expressed by abutting landowners regarding the lack of maintenance and unusable condition of the road; and whereas the public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the Town of Glover do not require that TH35 be rebuilt and maintained as a town road; therefore the entire 0.60 miles of TH35 will be discontinued.”

Selectboard members had received an email this morning from David Kelley, representing Norman Auger, informing the board that Mr. Auger had transferred ownership of the portion of his farm accessible from TH 35 to Diane Kipp as custodian for Maya, Reiley, and Benjamin Auger with the intent that this would preserve a private right of way in lieu of the town's right of way for TH 35, as provided in Title 19 VSA §717, in the event that the town highway is discontinued. After a short discussion, **Brian called for a vote on the motion and it passed unanimously.** TH 35 (Telfer Rd) will be discontinued.

b. Town Garage: The board reviewed a revised site plan with the new garage oriented perpendicular to the road with the doors facing south to better address issues relating to access control of vehicles entering and leaving Route 16.

c. Sewer Update: Jack presented copies of the new Sewer Maintenance Plan prepared by Phil Laramie of Laramie Water Resources and discussion ensued on implementation of the plan.

8. New Business:

a. Attendance at Town Meeting: Nick presented some thoughts related to increasing attendance at Town Meeting.

9. Board Action:


a. The Board reviewed and signed the directors orders.

10. Adjourn: Mike made a motion, seconded by Brian, to adjourn at 7:45pm .

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Sumberg
Transcriber

Brian Carroll, Chair



Jack Sumberg



Michael Ladd