

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 9, 2023

Present: Dave Simmons, Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Brian Carroll, Mike Pray, Chris Roy, Newport Daily Express, Davi Bock, Nate Sicard, Tim Dagesse, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Changes to the Agenda:** No changes.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** **Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil to approve the minutes dated January 26, 2023. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:**
 - a. The road crew have been plowing, sanding and doing shop work.
 - b. New Truck: Mike has been doing research in preparation for purchasing a new truck. He would like to purchase a freightliner. If one is ordered in the spring it may be ready by the spring of 2024.
 - c. Structure Grant: Glover may be eligible for a Structure grant for work needed on Borland road. The grant offers a 90/10 match. Which means the town would be responsible for 10% of the expenses (roughly \$1,200). The work could be scheduled for 2024.
 - d. Greensboro Gravel Pit: The Town of Greensboro has rejected the offer of \$65,000 for 8 acres of land in Glover. The Town of Greensboro is discussing a higher price.
5. **Review 2023 CLA:** A notice was received from the State of Vermont indicating Glover's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 92.75%. This means that property values are at 92.75% of the fair market value.
6. **Wood Pellet Grant for Town Hall:** There may be grant money available to install wood pellet furnaces to the town garage and town hall. Nick has volunteered to research this further and write a grant application. The Board has given Nick permission to research this further.
7. **ARPA Update:**
 - a. Leanne contacted the Dr Blake at Glover School to get an idea of what the town could do to help retain teachers. It was suggested to invest money for a Stem Science Lab or outdoor classroom.
 - b. **Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil, to allocate \$10,000 to the Glover Cemetery Commission to help build the Memorial Garden. The motion carried.**
 - c. Leanne will contact Jethro regarding purchasing security cameras.
8. **Wastewater Budget:**
 - a. Barton Village Inc: Tim Dagesse and Nate Sicard attended the meeting to discuss the wastewater system. The new Mission control system is up and running. This system will allow Glover to monitor information remotely. Phil and Tim will schedule a meeting to discuss some issues discovered. Nate reviewed the Barton Village Inc budget for 2023 and the impact it has on Glover. Glover shares in the cost of wastewater collection, treatment and disposal at the wastewater plant. The annual expense for Glover will increase from \$30,419/year to \$66,482/year. This is the result of the sludge pumping and disposal.
 - b. Wastewater Budget: As a result of the above information, Cindy will update the proposed 2023 budget figures and the Board will review/revise in order to adopt a 2023 budget.

9. **Open public comment period (as needed):** Davi Bock shared information about a proposed middle school configuration and requested input from the community. The feedback he is being given is that consolidating the middle schools are moving too fast. The schools need to slow down, get more information from the community, parents and students. It was suggested that a special meeting of Glover residents be held to get their input.
10. **The Directors Orders were signed.**
11. **Adjourn:** Dave made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber



Dave Simmons, Chair



Leanne Harple



Phil Young