

TOWN OF GLOVER

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023 – Glover Volunteer Fire Department Building

Present: Leanne Harple, Dave Simmons, Theresa Perron, Town Administrator, Dan Clark, Cheri & Doug Safford, Nick Ecker-Racz, Chris Roy, Newport Daily News, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.
Absent: Phil Young.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:** A request from the Town of Greensboro.
3. **Minutes: Dave made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to approve the minutes dated August 24, 2023. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:**
 - a. The road crew have been working on culverts and grading on Dexter Mountain. Replacement of the Shadow Lake culverts are scheduled for this fall. All the roads are in good condition. It was mentioned that the culvert near Howie Cantors' and the culvert near Chris Braithwaites' and the snowmobile trail are in need of attention. Dave will discuss this with Mike.
 - b. The Town of Greensboro has proposed hiring Glover's road crew to help them with some of the Greensboro roads. Mike is receptive to this proposal and does not believe it will interfere with the maintenance on the Glover roads. Dave and Leanne indicated their approval to this proposal as well. Greensboro will contract with the town for a driver and truck.
 - c. Greensboro's gravel pit: there is no update. At this point it is unclear if Greensboro is interested in selling a portion of their gravel pit to Glover.
 - d. Swamp Road: The beavers are back and have created three dams. The road is not passable at this point. Dave will speak to Mike about relocating the beavers.
5. **2023 Flood Update:**
 - a. USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Service – Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP): The town received clarifying information about the sponsorship. The sponsorship application must cover the whole watershed in Glover. This covers the area from behind the Glover Green all the way down to the Glover/Barton town line. If approved, the program would fund 75% of the cost of the remediation project and the town would be responsible for the remaining 25%. Dave is concerned about who will be responsible for the watershed in the future, if the sponsorship is approved. The towns' share of the project could be passed on to homeowners in the watershed. At this time, the application is still under review. Nick noted that there are trees in the river that pose a potential hazard. He also asked if there is anything that can be done to protect the Glover Green from flooding? Can a retaining wall be constructed?
 - b. Town Hall: While Limelite has been working on the basement, they've discovered some decay in the wall and floor in the stairway as a result of water damage. Limelite has provided two quotes to remove the damages. One quote will fix the problem the other will remove the problem, \$2,547.37 and \$5,686.30, respectively.
6. **Act 250 – Rt 16 Tire Recycling Update:**
 - a. Dave received an email from the State indicating the tire recycling situation is not a high priority. Nick suggested the Town Health Officer visit the site for potential health concerns. This matter will be discussed again at the next board meeting when Phil is

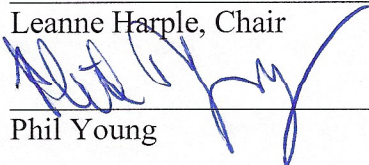
present. Nick requested the support of the Selectboard to contact the Vermont Act 250 regulators to pursue further, on behalf of the Selectboard. Permission was granted.

7. **Purchasing Policy Review: Dave made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to approve the Purchasing Policy as presented. The motion carried.** Nick questioned if there was a clause in the policy that would mandate voter approval for expenses over a certain dollar figure. It was also noted that the Selectboard have been given authority to make purchases that fall within the approved budget.
8. **Glover Green Update:** no update available.
9. **Office Update:**
 - a. Telephone lines: Comcast has provided a quote of \$24.95/month for an additional phone line. A second phone line was requested for the office, one for the Town Administrator and a second line for the Town Clerk's office. The Board had previously approved a phone line for the Town Administrator and approved the second line for the Town Clerk's office as well.
 - b. Laptop Computer: Northeast Computer provided a quote for two desk monitors and a new notebook that would be connected to the screen. This would allow the Town Administrator to access files from the server whether she was upstairs or downstairs. The Apple laptop is not compatible with the server. The Board approved the purchase.
 - c. Theresa mentioned she would like to purchase a desk for her office. It was suggested she visit the State Surplus store in Waterbury.
10. **Town Administrator's Report:**
 - a. Hazard Mitigation Grant: We received notification from the State that the grant application for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved, in the amount of \$8,362.50. Cindy and Theresa were asked to find out more about this grant and report back to the board.
11. **Open public comment period (as needed):**
 - a. Selectboard Meetings: It was suggested that the Board meetings be moved back to the library. The acoustics in the town hall and fire department are not good. This will be discussed at the next board meeting when Phil can participate.
 - b. NEK Broadband: It was requested that the NEK Broadband representative return and provide a progress update. Dave indicated the plan was for them to work on the infrastructure, but that was not going to be scheduled until 2024.
12. **Signing of Director's Orders:** The order were signed.
13. **Adjourn:** Leanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber

Leanne Harple, Chair



Phil Young



Dave Simmons