

TOWN OF GLOVER
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2023

Present: Dave Simmons, Leann Harple, Phil Young, Mike Pray, Road Foreman, Scott Pray, John Rodgers, Nick Ecker-Racz, Tyler Scelza, Jethro Hayman, Chris Roy, Newport Daily Express, and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.
2. **Changes to the Agenda:** The January report from Orleans County Sheriff's office will be reviewed, a request to use the town hall for a jam session will be discussed and a notice from West Wind, LLC will be mentioned.
3. **Approval of Minutes: Dave made a motion, seconded by Phil to approve the minutes dated February 9, 2023. The motion carried.**
4. **Road Update:**
 - a. Mike indicated the road crew have been plowing, sanding, working on general truck maintenance and cutting trees along the road on Cemetery Loop road in preparation for summer work. The grant application to upgrade/repair a culvert on Borland road has been sent to Eric Pope at the State of Vermont.
 - b. John Rodgers was present to discuss several concerns:
 - i. He had submitted an invoice to the town, to be reimbursed, after the birm he placed in the road was removed. The town indicated the birm was in the road right-of-way during a time when the road needed to be plowed. Both parties acknowledged each could have made a phone call to discuss the problem and get it resolved. **Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, to reimburse John for half the invoice since both parties did not discuss the problem in advance. The motion carried with a vote of 2-1.**
 - ii. Rodgers Road – Class 4 to Class 3: John requested Rodgers Road be discontinued. The Selectboard declined this request. He then requested Rodgers road be reclassified and upgraded to a class 3 road in order for a school bus to travel safely. The Selectboard agreed to review the situation further.
 - iii. Sand Pile: John was concerned about the sand pit being blocked, preventing him from loading his truck in order to sand driveways. He stated he does not charge his clients for the sand used when sanding their driveways. It was mentioned that the Road Policy should be reviewed and updated, if necessary, to state the loader can only be operated by town personnel.
 - iv. Roads in the Spring: He expressed concern that the road crew was putting up winter sand when they should have been working on maintaining the roads.
 - v. Environmental Hazard: He expressed concern about the environmental hazard on Route 16 with the tires. Dave reassured John that the State of Vermont has been called and they are working on this problem.
5. **ARPA Update:** this has been postponed until the next meeting.
6. **Wastewater Budget:** The Board was concerned about the annual sewer rates given the fact that the Village of Barton billed the town for capital improvements and the monthly rate doubled. Cindy presented three scenarios for the proposed 2023 Wastewater Budget. The first scenario reduced the budget by using some of the reserve funds and some of the carryover

funds. This would create an annual charge of \$554.67 for a single-family dwelling. The second scenario reduced the budget by using only reserve funds. This would mean an annual fee of \$759.81 for a single-family dwelling. The third scenario did not include any reserve funds nor any carryover from prior years. This would mean an annual fee of \$964.49 for a single-family dwelling. At the last Board meeting, Nate Sicard had indicated it will cost about \$30,000/year for sludge treatment and removal. This would mean Glover would be responsible for 15.2% of that cost, or \$4,560. Nate indicated Glover could get ahead of the expense and start to contribute \$4,560/year towards that expense. **Phil made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to approve the 2023 Wastewater Budget of \$149,494.87 for expenses, using reserve funds and carryover funds to keep the annual wastewater fee for customers at \$554.67 for a single-family dwelling. The motion carried.**

7. **Personnel Policy Review:** There has been some confusion regarding vacation leave. The Board will change some wording and review it again.
8. **Orleans County Sheriff's Report (January):** The Selectboard reviewed the monthly report. No action needed.
9. **Jam Session at Town Hall:** A group of folks from Greensboro have requested use of the Town Hall every Friday night to hold a jam session, open to the public. They are requesting the cost to rent the town hall be waived. The Selectboard would like to invite these folks to a Selectboard meeting so it can be discussed further.
10. **West Wind LLC:** The Selectboard have been notified that West Wind LLC would like to install a wind turbine system on Auger Heights. The 13 page notice was given to the Board to read and discuss further at the next meeting if necessary.
11. **Open public comment period (as needed):**
 - a. The Board apologizes for the technical delays in recording the meetings and allowing residents to join remotely. They are working on getting these problems resolved and appreciate everyone's patience.
 - b. Jethro is available to assist the Board when setting up remote access at the Annual Town Meeting. Jethro will also be available at the next meeting to discuss security camera questions.
12. **The Directors Orders were signed.**
13. **Adjourn:** Dave made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

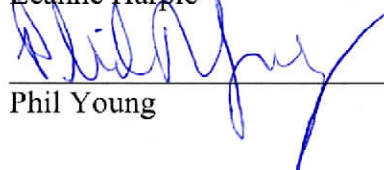
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Dave Simmons, Chair



Leanne Harple



Phil Young