

Glover Planning Commission meeting     February 21, 2023

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM after a minor computer problem was resolved.

Mariel, Ann Creaven, James and Nella Coe, Doug Safford, Liz and Randy were present.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

The Glover Green update:

We are making baby steps forward resolving the issue of the town ownership of the green. Three of the four abutters have agreed to the survey of where their lines are. We discussed the remaining signature on an abutter of the Green. Liz has talked with her and suggests we propose that nothing changes on her deed and that we move the access road either over to the south to the green itself by a few feet to skirt the edge of her property, or extend the road that comes in the other side to give access to the river and to the other two properties. Liz will email her with this idea.

We have applied for a grant to help design and manage the Green project. Action has been delayed in the VT Government, but we should know soon. Katherine Sims has said the monies are tied up in committee and legislative procedures. James mentioned that it might also be helpful for any legal costs. We are still waiting to hear about the status of our request for a second planning grant. We could use ARPA money for this first step.

Randy has applied for the REDI Grant. Maria Noth, manager, called Randy about his application. We would like to use the grant primarily to hire a grant writer for the various projects. She mentioned other possible programs to apply to and it is possible to list up to three other grants like "Better Places Grants" that we are interested in.

Ann Creaven talked about a possible Pickleball Grant. Richard Amore said the Village Designation programs won't work for that because the court is not to be located in the Village Center, but also recommended "Better Places..." grant for the town green revitalization. Jethro and Mariel listened to a meeting about other programs.

Randy mentioned other possible grantors like VTrans for the pathway to the school and the Vermont Community Foundation. We all discussed various grant writers at "VT Development Initiatives". We are in agreement that we need a professional to apply for grants. We also need a manager for the project.

Ann Creaven, who is working with Tim Barton-Caplin (of Barton) Kyle Woolard, Becky Galloway, Sara Gluckman, Andy Neil and Jethro are talking about reviving the Glover Recreation Committee to include the Trails Committee and the Pickleball initiative. They are actively approaching AARP and NEK Foundation funds for grants/suggestions. We might need an actual "Department" with someone to run it and manage the area and the activities.

Randy is concerned about how scheduling is managed at the Town Clerk's office. It needs to be updated and made more transparent and accessible.

We discussed the next steps in the development of the Village Green. Because the Glover Fire Department owns the land adjacent to the river and the small white building and has agreed to let the Town make improvements on it for public use as long as they can use the building to store barbeque

equipment for the annual barbeque, we can start with this element of the project. We already have a an estimate from Megan Carter from Northwoods for responsibly conserving and upgrading the riparian border on the river. We can do appropriate plantings in that area. We can clean up the junk behind the white building and draw up plans for the updating and potential uses for the building. Mariel will ask Jonathan to start work on the picnic tables – the work will be done at Heartbeat. We will initiate these actions at the next meeting.

We think the Glover Selectboard should send us some kind of formal statement of an award of ARPA money so we know what the process is.

The date of the next meeting is March 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM. It might be a hybrid meeting – zoom and in the Town Hall.

Mariel moved the meeting be adjourned, Liz seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson, Secretary