

Glover Planning Commission Meeting May 16, 2013

The zoom meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Randy Williams, Ann Creaven, Doug Safford, Steve Lowe and Liz Nelson were present

Ann moved to accept the minutes from April 18<sup>th</sup> as emailed. Steve seconded. So voted.

Randy's updates: The Selectboard would like Sylvia to come to a Selectboard meeting and has invited her but has had no response. Liz volunteered to talk with Sylvia to find out where she is in her process. James and Nella sent an email saying they have been getting landscape design quotes (two) and civil engineering quotes (two) for the Green project and hope to have that information for us soon.

Steve asks that before we go too far we should make sure that the Selectboard is on board with our plans and process for the Green.

Cindy Epinette has a signature from Ray Sweeney agreeing to the clean up on his property by the river. Joe Breightmeyer told Randy at the meeting that the Fire Department has some questions before they sign the agreement for use of their property. Randy thinks it is mostly about what will happen to the things inside the white building.

Randy met with the Memphremagog Watershed Association about the project near the Glover Library/Town Clerk's office. He met with Patrick Hurley of the Watershed Association and Holly Greenleaf, an environmental designer, whom he brought with him. They want to make this area accessible to the Senior Housing people with raised beds, picnic tables and possibly a small gazebo. The turf is a bit soft for wheelchairs; there may be a way to firm it up.

Ann will talk with VTrans about the need for a crosswalk at the bottom of Dexter Mountain Road across RT 16, especially important for the people at the Senior Housing to be able to get to the library, the Town Offices, the new park being developed there and down the street on the paved sidewalk to Currier's Market.

Randy mentioned that perhaps a REDI grant would help fund the crosswalk markings and a line along the bridge pavement for a sidewalk. RT 16 is VT State property so any markings need approval from VTrans, however Bean Hill is a town road, so the Selectboard can dictate markings on that road. Randy also showed this team the green and the adjacent river's edge. He also showed them Megan Carter's drawing and plan. They cautioned that there isn't much you can do at the edge of the river; no fill and just pruning trees and cleaning out the weeds. Steve asked if they had any concerns about what is proposed for the stream's edge. They thought it was doable.

Patrick is a grant writer and was interested in our REDI Grant thoughts. He said it was good to coordinate efforts. Randy sent Karen Geraghty our documents for the REDI grant. She is submitting it to Mariah Noth, head of the program which will pay up to to \$7,500 to grant writers. She will get back to Randy with suggestions of grants that will be good for our projects.

We had decided to hire Northwoods at our last meeting. Randy will approach the Selectboard for approval and give them a timeframe for action. Steve suggested that Randy present the Selectboard with an actual contract for Northwoods for them to sign. He will also inform them about James and Nella's initial role in the planning for the use of the ARPA grant for the Green.

Northwoods will give us guidance as to what we can do at that site. We will try to get Megan here as an advisor. Ann will contact Megan and Maria at Northwoods.

Steve feels that it would be good to play around with different parking solutions during the Farmer's Market this summer – traffic cones, flags and tape to mark out parking area. We thought this might be a valuable exercise for planning.

A motion was made by Steve to adjourn the meeting at 7:46. Liz seconded. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Nelson, Secretary