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TOWN OF GLOVER

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Board Members Present: Dave Simmons, Leanne Harple, Phil Young, Brian Carroll, Town Administrator, Mike Pray, Road Foreman and Cindy Epinette, Transcriber.

Guests: Ed Barber, Newport Daily Express, Nick Ecker-Racz, Dan Clark, Randy Williams, Tyler Scelza, Jen Andrews, Shadow Lake Association President, Sarah Damsell, Orleans County Conservation District Manager, Peggy Gibson, Carmella Young, Judy & George Dunbar and Gary Sheldon. Attending Remotely: Mariel Hess and Ann Creaven.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.
2. Re-Organization of the Board:
 - a. Chair: Leanne nominated Dave Simmons as Chair, seconded by Phil. The nomination was approved.
 - b. Vice-Chair: Dave nominated Leanne Harple as Vice Chair, seconded by Phil. The nomination was approved.
 - c. Set Date and Time: The Board agreed to continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.
 - d. Review Rules of Procedures: Cindy will forward a copy of the procedures to Phil.
3. Changes to the Agenda: The Board added a notice from Springer Law Offices, signing the Paving Grant Agreement from the State of Vermont, discussing a recreational facilities grant and a school update.
4. **Approval of Minutes: Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil to approve the minutes dated June 9, 2022. The motion carried.**
5. **Road Update:**
 - a. Mike stated the culvert work on Shadow Lake road has been completed at the moment. There is a culvert that needs to be placed but the culvert is too large for the town to do themselves so they will contract with another organization to do the work. Patching as Shadow Lake road will be done. The berm on School Street is being removed to make plowing more efficient. The road crew will resume grading roads soon.
 - b. The “Welcome to Glover” sign will be moved to town property near Westlook II cemetery.
 - c. Mike was informed there is a tree hanging over the road on Cemetery Loop road. Mike will investigate further.
 - d. **Mowing:** Tyler Scelza requested when the mowing begins could the Swamp road also be mowed. There are also some trees that need to be cut back. Tyler indicated he will trim the trees when his excavator is on the Swamp road.
 - e. **Paving Grant:** The Board signed the paving grant of \$181,280 for Shadow Lake road.
6. **Orleans County NRC D – Sarah Damsell:** Sarah informed the Board that the phosphorous levels in Shadow Lake have been increasing. A Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) is needed. Sarah would like to meet with the Selectboard, Town Administrator, Road Foreman and the Lake Association to investigate what is causing the phosphorous levels to increase and develop a plan to address it.
7. **Equity Committee Update:** The Committee has a growing concern about the “All Are Welcome” signs being taken, a second sign has been removed. Jethro will write a letter to the Editor of the Chronicle and Front Porch Forum, addressing these thefts and the signs will be replaced. An “All Are Welcome” sign will be placed on the fence at Shadow Lake Beach. A comment was made that the signs could be misinterpreted to welcome sex offenders and/or drug dealers to the area. The signs are not intended to promote illegal activities. The signs

were designed to communicate to folks of all walks of life that they are welcome regardless of their skin color, race, disability, etc. It was also mentioned that folks who have felt unwelcome because of their skin color, race, disability, etc have appreciated these signs. The Equity Committee welcome anyone to attend the meetings to learn more and share their input. The Committee has applied for a \$900 grant to help fund community events, printing signs, funding a dance, etc.

8. **Orleans County Sheriff's Office Report (May):** The May report from the Orleans County Sheriff's office was reviewed. No action needed.
9. **Trails Committee – Peggy Gibson Update:**
 - a. Peggy shared that two hikes have occurred, one from Runaway Pond Park to Shadow Lake and the other from Hinman road to Skunk Hollow road. Another hike is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th, to begin at the West Glover Cemetery on the Cemetery Loop road. They've been inspecting the trails to determine what work needs to be done. Nick has volunteered to help identify existing trails as well.
 - b. The Committee is requesting \$1,200 from the GREC funds to help pay for the trails' website, signage, trail maintenance training, printing maps and materials for trail boxes. The Committee will approach the Board for further funds as needed.
 - c. Can the town make a policy that discontinued roads become trails. It was noted that any discontinued roads that become trails will become the property of VT Parks & Recreation. Dave Simmons also indicated that the town will not give up the right-of-way for any roads because the roads may be needed in the future, as the town grows.
 - d. An agreement between the landowners and the town is being drafted.
10. **Glover Day Committee Update:** Glover Day festivities will not occur this year after all. There have been too many setbacks to make this a successful event (tents are not available, t-shirt vendor not being available and the State of Vermont has not responded to issuing a road race permit). It was mentioned that Glover Day should be a line item in the budget each year.
11. **ARPA/Committee (Discussion):** The Town has been awarded \$328,519.69 in ARPA funds. Brian has been working on a "Guidance and Proposal Application". This document provides some history and guidance to organizations that would like to apply for some of this money. The document will be posted on the towns' website for review and feedback. It was also discussed whether a Committee should be formed to review the applications and make recommendations to the Selectboard. The Selectboard is interested in transparency when spending these funds. At the next board meeting, July 14th, the Board will decide if a Committee will be formed and what the final application will look like.
12. **Landscaping at Town Garage (Discussion/Action):** Mike has been mowing the grass at the town garage, as time allowed. Dave suggested asking Ricky Blanchard to mow the lawn on a regular basis, as he does for the municipal building, cemeteries and town hall. The Board agreed with this suggestion. Dave will speak to Ricky.
13. **Recreational Facilities Grant:** Nick received an email indicating towns can apply for a Recreational Facilities Grant. He believes this would be a worthwhile grant for the Planning Committee, Trails Committee and Glover Park for example. **Leanne made a motion, seconded by Phil, to apply for the grant. The motion carried.**
14. **Springer Law Office Notice:** Springer Law Offices sent a copy of a petition filed for T-Mobile for a Certificate of Public Good for a de minimis modification to a wireless telecommunications facility on Dexter Mtn road. No action needed.
15. **Open public comment period:**
 - a. **Planning Commission Update:** Randy indicated the work from Dubois & King is complete. A final report must be submitted to receive the balance of the Municipal Planning Grant. The report is due by June 30th. Also, Dubois & King hired a firm to conduct a survey. The survey results were supposed to be included in D&K's final report, with some recommendations. Unfortunately, D&K are not planning to include

the results. Allison from NVDA is going to speak to D&K on the towns' behalf to get this resolved amicably.

- b. **Survey on Westlook II Cemetery:** Nick mentioned that he and Patricia Kules performed an informal boundary survey of the Westlook II Cemetery. Since all the land is owned by the town, they did not believe a formal/expensive survey would be necessary.
- c. **School Update:** There is a lot of concern about the situation at the school where all the middle school teachers have resigned. There will be a meeting on July 22nd to discuss the situation further.
- d. Judy & George Dunbar wanted to express their appreciation that Shadow Lake road has been paved from Route 16 to Stone Shore road. They also wanted to thank the road crew for all the culvert work they're doing around the lake.

16. **The Directors Orders were signed.**

17. **Adjourn: Dave made a motion, seconded by Leanne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Epinette
Transcriber

Dave Simmons, Chair

Leanne Harple

Phil Young