

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS  
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2016  
MINUTES**

**ATTENDING:** Chris Narveson, Dana Emmerton, Harry Pulliam, Andy Elkins and Susan McCallum, Deputy Clerk.

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Kim Tschudy (arrived at 7:40), Mary Jackson and Mike Davis (left at 8:10)

**CALL TO ORDER:** H. Pulliam called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

1. Proof of Posting: S. McCallum attested that the agenda was properly posted.
2. Discuss and consider December 14, 2015 minutes:  
C. Narveson moved to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Elkins.  
Motion carried.
3. Public Comments: None.
4. Update on ice rink installation : S. McCallum presented to the commission the information on the posting of the ice rink on their Facebook (3,827 were reached) and the comments. She said that she informed the Village Administrator about the high traffic for the post, he replied that a corner had been damaged a couple weekends ago. They reviewed the comments and the fact that it has caused 104 likes on the Town's page. C. Narveson has not visited where the liner is stored.  
S. McCallum informed the group about her leaving and that someone will need to be made admin. D. Emmerton volunteered to take on this position.
5. Discuss and consider Schumacher tree orders and update on Green County order, review advanced sales joint opportunities: It was decided to order the following: Elderberry – one bundle of 25, Serviceberry- two bundles for 50, Black Hills Spruce – 3 bundles for 150, Prairie Red Plum – 3 bundles for 75. Total approximate cost of order without shipping: Elderberry - \$24.75, Serviceberry - \$53.50, Black Hills spruce - \$186.00, Prairie Red Plum - \$75.75 = total of all \$340.00.
6. Discussion Review remaining 2015 monies to be transferred to Town Parks and/or Town Trails sinking fund: This item was postponed as the information was not available.
7. Discuss and consider trails grants and 2016 action plan: C. Narveson reported that the engineers did not recommend applying for a TAP grant, they passed along information regarding other grant opportunities. He said he instructed them to develop a cost to run a trail from the Village to Old Madison Rd. in the right of way. Then develop a plan and apply for a State grant. A. Elkins brought information regarding a piece of property for sale at the intersection of 69 and 39. The discussion included feasibility of purchasing, working with the Village and options for use. It was decided that C. Narveson will ask the Town Attorney about the possibility of use with a lease and liability without purchasing. This topic will go on the next agenda.

8. Update on BBRC work: H. Pulliam said that the Restoration Co. has not started on the work, but anticipates this week. He arranged with him to meet the day he starts he can address the movement of the debris.

9. Discuss landscaping plans for New Town hall with Master Gardeners: S. McCallum informed the group about the materials given to the guests including the chosen design, narrative and Village ordinance. There was discussions regarding rain gardens- aesthetics, plants, formula for amount of water entering the garden and size, where curb and gutters would need to be, in the plan what trees would remain, if re-grading is necessary, soil amending and making it a community effort. The area was reviewed for possibilities and the need to determine if the rain garden could be used toward the points. C. Narveson said that this would need to be negotiated with the Village as we could not meet all the requirements. The gardeners recommended not to plant fruit bearing or a rose garden because of maintenance requirements, they felt the plantings should be low care. Going forward the first step is to find out about the rain garden. C. Narveson will contact the Village. The gardeners will work on a plan for the location. It was discussed to contact the Village forester for input and potential approval. The issues will be reviewed in February and Narveson will contact them directly with information.

10. Discuss and consider Green County Barn Inventory project, Kim Tschudy: K. Tschudy said that the Green County Historical Society has decided to do a comprehensive inventory of all barns in the county (not pole barns/sheds) post and beam, the last inventory was done in the 1940s. They feel this is important due to the ongoing loss of the structures. They are organizing it according to each Town and hopefully involving a long time resident that has knowledge of the area that could lead the effort. Also the stories that are associated with past owners etc. They plan to complete the program in two years. He is requesting that the Town put the forms on the Town's website for downloading or forward them as requested and also host the information, he said the barns are coming down the quickest in this town. Ultimately publish a book and pass the information along to the State Historical Society and create a driving tour. He showed the actual form which is two pages. C. Narveson moved to recommend to the board to facilitate the Green County Historical Society Barn Inventory project by hosting the information and pictures on the Town's website, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.

11. Adjourn: Agenda items- dog park update (end of agenda), landscaping plans, barn inventory, trail grants. Thursday February 25 at 7pm.

C. Narveson moved to adjourn at 9:20pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Elkins. Motion carried.