

Town of Groton  
Select Board Work Session Minutes  
April 5, 2022

**In attendance: John Rescigno, Tony Albert, Ron Madan and Sara Smith (Administrative Assistant - AA)**

**John called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.**

*Broadband*

Carol Miller from National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE) set up a virtual meeting with the Select Board to discuss the next steps for broadband. The items on the agenda are:

- Scope of work: It is a 6-month project from start to finish. Today is the kickoff meeting. We will work together to get the information, identify funding partners and grant opportunity, identify solutions to promote affordable service for low-middle income populations, estimates to do so, and other things that come up.
- Timeline: Carol submitted a timeline for the Select Board to review.
  - April 2022 is the kickoff and meeting to confirm list of providers.
  - May 2022 send tax map data for Groton to UNH. Sara let her know that our tax maps can be found online at grotonnh.org under the resources tab.
  - June 2022 will use updated FCC map data and merge with data collected for the Town
  - July 2022 public meeting to inform and present information on the project and to get feedback.
  - August 2022 will be the final presentation, finalized maps and final report.
- Monthly updates and deliverables: The Select Board agreed to meet once a month with updates. Carol will schedule the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm.

John mentioned that the Town is about 41 square miles with 600 residents so why would someone want to invest in this. Carol said that there is a lot of grant money right now so it is the perfect time for communities like ours that do not have good service. This project will gather the information and give us the ammunition needed to write the grants. They would write a letter of support to NHEC since they provide electric to the Town. The recently announced they would have fiber to all of their customers within a year and a half. This may solve the Towns issue.

Sara explained we use Spectrum, Consolidated Communications, NHEC. This information is what she needs to know.

She will work with Sara on other items. She said that there will be letters that she will email over that have to be on the Towns letter head and sent from the Town. The Select Board gave Sara the okay to work with Carol and to send these letters out. **John motioned to approve Sara to sign the letters from Carol and to send them to utility companies, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Zoning Ordinance- Planning Board*

Deb Johnson suggested that we should check with the Planning Board with anything building related due to the new zoning ordinance. They are the most familiar with it. It was suggested that we email the Planning Board and Deb first before any are approved. The Select Board doesn't think that all permits should have to go before the Planning Board. The Select Board will send it to the Planning Board if they have any questions. Sara will email Deb to explain what the Select Board decided.

Deb also emailed some concerns about the incomplete building permit that was submitted before the zoning passed. Sara printed this email and the minutes from the Planning Board meeting for the Select Board to review. The Select Board had concerns with the septic that is in the building to see if it still will be okay for a multiple family unit.

Tony asked Sara to look at the current septic for 37 North Groton Road and to also get the contact information for the guy we have worked with in the past at DES. We can email him and explain the situation and see where to go from here.

*Trash Concern on Sculptured Rocks Road*

Sara took two calls from two different residents in Town that wanted to file a complaint about the trash at the property on Sculptured Rocks Road. This is the little trailer park and the complainant said that there is trash everywhere and it is getting worse. The Select Board drove by the property and agree that we should send a letter explaining that there has been concerns from residents and ask that they clean it up. The Select Board also agreed to add this to the junkyard list to follow up with an inspection in June. **John motioned for Sara to create a letter and for the Select Board to come in and sign the letter when it is ready, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

*Trash Concern on North Groton Road*

A resident called in a concern about trash across from 593 North Groton Road. It looks like a bear may have dragged it out there. The Select Board and Sara drove by and it looks like it has been there for a while. The Select Board agree that since this is one bag and it doesn't appear the owners put it there that it is not a health concern and not a matter of a resident keeping a lot of junk on their yard. The Select Board doesn't think there is anything they need to do with this and will see if the owner cleans it up now that the snow has melted.

*Dave Coursey*

Tony mentioned that Dave Coursey is no longer the Fire Chief for Rumney. He started the oil/gas permits in Groton and he would like to continue working on this. The Select Board agrees that he can still handle those. Tony asked if the Select Board is okay with asking him if he wants to do the Health Officer and Junkyard inspections as well and we can pay him an hourly wage to do so. John and Ron agreed this is a good idea. Tony will continue to try to get ahold of him and will see if he is interested.

**John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (d) at 6:45pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**John motioned to return to public session at 7:00pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**John motioned to seal the non-public minutes, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 7:00pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant