

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
July 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 provide an update on the broadband. Carol explained that NHEC applied for a grant for \$50 million for broadband for underserved communities. They have a good chance of getting this grant. Groton had already sent a letter of intent to be included in getting the broadband through NHEC if this should go through. Today Carol sent Sara a letter of support for NHEC broadband to put on Groton letterhead for the Select Board to sign.

Carol explained that they completed the cable map and the NHEC fiber expansion map which includes all of the Town. They are waiting on Consolidated Communications data. She sent a follow up letter on this. We had sent the letter and we never received a response so we are waiting for this so we can have this data.

Carol would like to schedule NHEC to do a presentation at the next meeting. This will last about 20 minutes with Q&A. She would like to schedule this for Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 6:00pm. Then she will schedule a meeting with Spectrum on September 6, 2022 and Consolidated on October 4, 2022. That will be all of the providers in our community and will allow a chance for the Select Board to talk to them. She said even if NHEC is the best option, it is good to keep all of the options open so she thinks it is a benefit to meet with all of the different companies. We should know by then if they got the grant so we know how to move forward.

There were no further questions or concerns. Sara explained the Select Board will sign the letter and she will scan it and email it back to her tomorrow. **John motioned to sign the NHEC letter of support, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Saras time off in July

Sara was supposed to be off the week of July 18-21st. However, she will be giving some of that time back. She will still be off on Monday, July 18th and Thursday, July 21st but will be working Tuesday, July 19th and Wednesday, July 20th. Tuesday she will come in the office in the morning to do a few things and then has training in Concord from 9am-3pm and then will come back for the meetings that night. Wednesday she will be at work for her normal business hours.

Police Department Quarterly Meeting

Sara will check with Chief Bagan to see if he is able to meet with the Select Board for his quarterly meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 6:00pm.

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (d) at 6:20pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 6:30pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to seal the non-public minutes, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Meeting with Bubba

The Select Board met with Bubba to discuss the following:

- Bubba explained that he received a concern from a resident about the trash at Sculptured Rocks. Someone cleaned it up and Bubba took the trash bags. He also took a picture once it was picked up to show how much trash there was. The Select Board said that Sara should email our contact at the State, show them the photo and see what can be done to avoid this from happening such as put out a trash barrel, monitor it more, carry in carry out signs, etc.
- They haven't really used the mower yet but he has tried it out. He will be going to Concord to register it this week. Hopefully next week they will get more mowing done. There is a lot to do. Tony said that mowing is the most important part of road maintenance.
- Fred put the new ballasts out front and he will paint them yellow. We ordered new handicap signs for over there as well.
- JP Morrison will be out tomorrow they will be working on Edgar Albert, North Fletcher and Bailey Hill Road. Tony asked if Province Road is on the list. Bubba said it is not on the list but they know that work needs to be done; he does have a few plans for it. Tony asked Bubba to take Morrison out there to get a quote so we can put it on next year's budget. We want to stay on top of it since we have put so much money into it. There are ruts from people being out there too soon or not using 4wd when needed. We may need to look into if we can close it for certain months. The current sign says seasonally maintained but doesn't give timeframes. Tony said we should look into if we can put a gate up.
- Bubba thinks we need to send a letter to the property on North Groton Road because they haven't done anything to the driveway. They need to put something in there before it rains really hard. It was agreed that we need to send a reminder letter that they need to do something so that it doesn't wash out. Bubba and Sara will work on this letter together. They need to stabilize it so that it doesn't wash out. We can tell them if they have questions, they can meet with the road agent.

Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 6:55pm, Ron 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Administrative Assistant