

Town of Groton  
Select Board Work Session Minutes  
February 13, 2023

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

John called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

***Owner Costs Spreadsheet***

Doug from Studio Nexus emailed a spreadsheet of owner costs last week. Sara gave a copy to the Select Board ahead of time to review. They discussed this spreadsheet and went over each line. Sara noted what the Select Board feel the town needs and doesn't need. Sara will send this information to Doug and ask him when we should expect to receive a revised estimate for the project.

***All Hazard Mitigation Update Grant***

Sara completed the first initial application process for a grant to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She also already requested and received the Certificate of Coverage from Primex that HSEM needs for the grant. Now there is an agreement that the Select Board needs to sign. The cost of the project to update the plan is \$9,333.00. This grant would be in the amount of \$6,999.75 so the town would only have to come up with the cost of \$2,333.25. They also supplied the wording that the Town needs to have in the minutes in order to accept the terms and conditions.

**John motioned that the Select Board, in a majority vote, accept the terms of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as presented in the amount of \$6,999.75 for updating the local hazard mitigation plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$9,333.00, in which the town will be responsible for a 25% match (\$2,333.25), Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

***Local Septic Approval & Owners Certification- Map 5 Lot 29-3***

The owner emailed a local septic approval for Map 5 Lot 29-3, for their property on Sculptured Rocks Road. This is the site that Tony was working on the septic concerns as a Health Officer. All information is correct. **John motioned to sign the local septic approval for Map 5 Lot 29-3, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

***Survey Approval***

Pierre sent an email stating that the NASD Building Committee has put together a survey to ask residents their opinions regarding a potential building project. They would like permission to place the surveys in our town buildings during town meeting and voting on March 14th. They asked that we let them know if they have permission to do so. The Select Board reviewed the Surveys and do not have an issue with it but it is really up to the Moderator. Sara will send the survey to Amy for review and let her know the Select Board are okay with this if she is.

***HB 349 Meeting***

Bill has scheduled a meeting for *Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 3:30pm at the Hebron Town Office, 2nd floor meeting room* to discuss the testimony from this past Friday's HB 349 hearing and the next steps in the process. John cannot attend but Sara and Tony will attend.

### ***Follow up from Public Hearing***

Sara just wanted to confirm the following for the next meeting:

- The Select Board agreed not to change the ballot clerks or the moderator wages on the budget. There were no amounts needing changing for the budget at all.
- We are still waiting for the confirmation of the total costs of the building before we decide if we want to move forward with the bond or not. We should hopefully know more this week.
- Sara did get some of the answers from other questions that came up at the public hearing and is waiting on a few more so she will have this information for meeting next week.

### ***Road Ban Concerns***

Tony mentioned that with the warmer weather he is concerned that they will start the road bans earlier than normal and he wants to make sure the Transfer Station is prepared. John mentioned this concern as well. The Select Board asked Sara to reach out to Norm and ask him to contact Casella to put extra dumpsters at the Transfer Station so we are prepared when the road bans go into effect.

**John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (b) at 5:50pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**John motioned to return to public session at 6:00pm, 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 6:00pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant