

Town of Groton  
Select Board Work Session Minutes  
April 18, 2023

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

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

**John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (b) at 6:00pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

**John motioned to return to public session at 6:30pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

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

***Meeting with Carol Miller***

Carol messaged today that we are not meeting tonight and will meet again at the next meeting on May 2, 2023 at 6pm.

***Jury Duty Reminder***

Sara reminded the Select Board that she starts jury duty so she will be there next week and will be in and out of the office all week either before or after jury duty to stay up on emails, mail, etc.

***Building Update***

The Select Board signed the agreement with the Studio Nexus. They are working some questions out with USDA and then will be in touch for the next steps. They are also working with Horizons Engineering and requested a proposal from them since they worked on the project before and are knowledgeable.

***Update on Guardrail Concern at 531 Sculptured Rocks Road***

Tony went and looked at the guardrail at 531 Sculptured Rocks Road. Tony said there is no way to shorten it because it is at minimum length because there is not enough space and we had to meet FEMA requirements because it was federal funding. Tony said they should try to reach out to NHEC to move the pole so they can make the swing. Tony said he could meet with the resident on it but we cannot move the guardrail.

***Cheever Road Grading***

Tony mentioned that he was contacted regarding road grading on Cheever Road. Brian from Dorchester reached out to see if the Town of Groton would grade Cheever Road once a year and then Dorchester would sweep River Road for us. They also do winter maintenance and use salt on River Road and salt is expensive. Sara had pulled the last bill from Morrison and it was about \$2,500-\$3,500 per road to grade it. Tony said the more he thinks about it he feels that we shouldn't use Groton tax money on a road that isn't in our town. When we plow it, we are not paying, we are swapping services. The Select Board agreed that we shouldn't do that due to the costs and it isn't a town road. John said it also doesn't seem like a good deal. We could offer a load of salt if they want it since they do salt River Road. Tony said he will tell him that we do not think it is a good idea and we do not have the money in the budget to grade their road.

***Morrison for grading***

Sara mentioned that around this time of year Bubba reaches out to Morrison to set up time for grading the roads which last year was Edgar Albert Road, Bailey Hill Road and North Fletcher Road. They come

out in June or July but Bubba tries to schedule it now before their schedules get full. The Select Board agreed we should reach out to see if they can do the same roads as last year which are Edgar Albert Road, Bailey Hill Road, and North Fletcher Road and to do the same work they did last year. They do not think we need to do Province Road at this time. We will need to look at Province Road soon to see what damages it received from the December 2022 storm. Sara will reach out to Morrison and ask to get on their schedule and ask them to do the same thing they did last year.

#### ***Monthly Meetings with Fred***

Sara asked if the Select Board thinks we should have monthly meetings with Fred to touch base with him, keep him up to date on projects and to help him with any projects. The Select Board agreed. Sara will see if he can meet at 6:30pm on May 2, 2023.

#### ***North Groton Road***

Sara mentioned that Fred called her on Wednesday letting her know about some damage to the side of the road on North Groton Road. He sent her some pictures. Sara sent the information and pics to John and Tony via text. Tony went and looked at it with Fred. The road was undermined from the December storm there so we would have had to cut that out anyway. Sara will keep those pictures to provide when we meet with FEMA on the storm damages.

#### ***Hammerhead Road***

A resident sent in their inventory which shows Hammerhead Road being the name of the road they live on but they said the street sign says Hammerhead Lane. Avitar has it listed as Hammerhead Road. Sara and Kerry from Avitar did some research on it and the deeds and everything we can find says Hammerhead Road. The Select Board agreed that we should order a new street sign to match what is correct as Road and not Lane. Sara believes that Bubba ordered the signs through the Department of Corrections and she has a contact there so she will reach out to them to order this.

**Having no other business to conduct, John motioned to adjourn at 6:57pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant