

Town of Groton  
Select Board Work Session Minutes  
August 22, 2023

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

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

**Meeting with Carol Miller**

Carol Miller met with the Select Board. They discussed that the Open House will be Tuesday September 19, 2023 @ 7pm. Sara asked if there was a flyer or posting for this open house that we can post on the website and at the town offices. The next meeting will be the open house on Tuesday September 19, 2023.

**Broadband Quote**

Sara mentioned that she put the broadband quote in the review folder months ago and again recently with an updated one. Sara asked the Select Board if they want to move forward with this quote and change all internet and phones for all buildings over to NH Broadband through NHEC. If we look at the current charges for all departments for phone and internet, this quote is \$98.60 cheaper overall and that is with the Transfer Station getting internet which they do not currently have. The only concern that has been mentioned is that the phones are run off internet so if the internet is down the phones will be too. We would have to keep the land line number for the security system anyway so I believe that would allow us an option for a landline in the event of an emergency. Sara asked if we would be able to keep the same phone numbers and fax numbers because they are listed everywhere, and on business cards and such. Tina said that they would be able to port the numbers over. The Select Board is good with moving forward with this. Sara will contact them to let them know.

***Building Site Plan Update***

Sara followed up with USDA to see if they had any feedback on the plans. She hasn't heard back yet. We are waiting on them to move forward. When Sara sent this email, she received an automatic reply from Eric Law that he no longer works with USDA but she did put Rena on it as well so we should hear from someone soon hopefully. If not, Sara will reach out to the Director Misty that is on Eric's automatic reply email. We are waiting on their approval before we can move forward.

***6wheeler update***

Fred said that since we had a few days without rain that Dan was able to sand blast the truck and should be painting it soon. Him and Bubba will go look at it next week.

***Fire budget***

Tony asked Sara if there is any money in the fire budget for the forester. Sara said there is \$200 under equipment. Tony said that they got the trailer from Roger but they will need some money for some parts for the fire equipment. The Select Board all agreed to do this.

**John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (b) at 6:20pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.  
John motioned to return to public session at 6:54pm, 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 6:54pm, Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith  
Administrative Assistant