

Town of Groton
Select Board Work Session Minutes
June 3, 2025

In attendance: John Rescigno, Tony Albert, Ron Madan and Sara Smith (Town Administrator)

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

Rons Term

At the last meeting, Ron agreed that he would work through July. Sara reached out to Amy Prive-Hardy and she is still interested in the position and this timeframe with her coming on around August works for her. Ron submitted an official notice of resignation so we can look into the next steps for bringing Amy on board.

Handicap ramp concern

At the last meeting Sara brought up the concern a resident had with the handicap ramp on the deck. John looked at it and said that the railing is low enough on both sides and the railing is on the inside of the ramp so there is no way for a wheelchair to go off of it.

Window in meeting room

The middle window facing the road in the big meeting room is not working correctly. GHS tried to use it at their event and it came crashing down and could have hurt someone. They were able to close it back up. Sara has since put signs on it so no one will use it. Sara asked if the Select Board approve someone coming to look at it. The Select Board agreed that Sara can reach out to Mr. Maintenance since he fixed the other window that had the same problem and see if he can come out.

GHS access to Town House

The Select Board agreed that we should grant someone on GHS access to the building with a key and a code so that they have access when needed. Deb Lindsey is the Deputy Treasurer so they feel she would be the best candidate. That way they do not need someone to open the building for them when they have events.

USDA site visit info

Sara explained that they had the site visit at the new Public Works building on Thursday, May 29, 2025. In attendance was Sara & Bubba from Groton, Casey Kuplin, Jon from Studio Nexxus, Rena and Tracey from USDA and another gentleman from USDA. Everyone walked around and looked at the site. It was discussed that there have been a lot of delays from the beginning. One of the biggest delays was getting the Town to approve the project. Then it was paperwork delays, bidding process delays, etc. USDA did say that they know they need to work on their process.

Casey went over the following next steps:

- Next week (week ending June 6, 2025) they plan to do the well, septic and water line.
- Once that is complete, they will pour the floors
- Once the floors are done, they can start with the interior construction.
- During all of this they will continue with site work, including putting seed out while it is still good growing season.

Rena let Sara know that the turnaround for the Town getting funding from them may be longer than it has been. The government had big cuts so they are very short staffed. We will still get the money, but the turnaround may be longer.

It was agreed that they will come back out when the project is nearing completion to do another site visit.

Meeting with Bubba

Bubba met with the Select Board to go over the following:

- Highway Applicants
- They grinded and smoothed out the spots that had issues on North Groton Road so that it is ready to chip seal and will be even. They will be crack sealing as well.
- Bubba will be on vacation starting Thursday 6/5/25 and will be back the following Saturday 6/14/25.
- There were no wash outs from the last storm.

John motioned to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (b) at 6:15pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

John motioned to return to public session at 7:00pm, Tony 2nd, so voted.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Smith
Town Administrator