



Granite Town Media

Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – Unapproved Draft

24 February 2022

Present: Dave Alcox, Josh Breault, Wade Campbell (Zoom), Tim Finan, Chris Gentry, Chris Labonte, Tom Schmidt, Nathalie Watson

Absent: Kevin Federico, Jon Teger

Guests: Mike Thornton, Janet Langdell

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order 6:02 PM as a hybrid Zoom meeting. The governor has rescinded COVID-19 emergency status pertaining to public meetings. NH RSA requires a quorum to be present in person even though members attending remotely are able to vote.

Manager Report

- Town Deliberative session – meeting was delayed about 15 minutes due to a problem with the computers used to manage the Zoom session. Chris was able to prevent several [Zoom bombers](#) from disrupting the Zoom session. Except for that there were no other technical issues. Mike Thornton of the Town Budget Committee said the earphone jacks Chris G. implemented to support ear buds at the presentation tables worked well.
- School Deliberative session – meeting start was delayed due to several unmasked people sitting in the area reserved for masked attendees. The moderator asked them to move several times to the unmasked section but they refused. Ultimately they were forcibly removed by the police department and arrested. Chris G. noted portions of the GTM video was used by local TV station WMUR misattributed to the school district rather than GTM. Chris G. contacted them to get the attribution corrected. Note: technical responsibility for meetings in the school cafeteria is shared. The school district is responsible for audio, GTM video and content distribution. This allows audio to be piped into overflow rooms if needed.

Videos

- Spring sports will begin mid-March. Jon's students have been doing a great job covering games for GTM.
- Bales PSA walkthrough with Bill Cooper – should be available next week.
- [Milford Thrives](#) Chris G. is working with Joelle Martin to be shown at the March 7th School Board meeting.
- Recreation Department - Toddler play along.
- Proposal under development to showcase different aspects of school district.

- Dave asked if we wanted to do an election PSA, specifically same day registration and that it is OK not to answer all questions. Tom mentioned voter confusion during primary. Chris stated there is not enough time to do a PSA but will post info on the bulletin board.
- Dave suggested showcasing local businesses; now that COVID restrictions are easing. Janet L. added to also include charitable organizations since they do so much to help the town.

Staffing

- Continuation of previous meeting discussion we voted to increase videographer starting hourly rate from \$12.00 to \$14.50 with 2-hour minimum. Tom moved/Dave 2nd rollcall AIF.

Election coverage

- Candidate forums: - BoS meet the candidates forum moderated by Dave Alcox has been posted. School Board meet the candidates forum planned for next week and will be available shortly.
- Discussed complaints that Meet the Candidate Zoom attendees were not allowed to ask interactive questions. Dave stated the Meet the Candidate's venue is to allow the candidates to state why they are running for the office. The candidates have indicated they are more than willing to meet with individual voters to discuss and answer questions. Chris G. will post on Facebook and other venues soliciting voter's questions for potential incorporation into the School Board candidate forum and to clarify we will not be taking questions during the forum. Ultimately it is up to the moderator: Steve Martin to decide which questions to ask the candidates. Janet L. concurred that it would have been nice if people were able to submit questions. GTM will be more proactive next year.
- Election Day – we will not be using the new optical scanners for the town election. GTM TV/internet coverage will be similar to previous years.

Committee Membership

- Dave Alcox and Tim Finan terms expire this year. Tom moved/Chris L. 2nd to recommend appointment for another 3-year term, rollcall AIF. Next step is approval at the next (2/28) BoS meeting.

BoS audio equipment upgrade

- The digital audio gear should arrive tomorrow and will be installed shortly.

Other Business

- Next GTMAC meeting will be officer election
- Mike L. discussed electioneering vs informing. Chris G. stated the public channel can be used for by residents and nonprofit any legal purpose.
- Janet Langdell requested the Zoom link and agenda should be available to GTMAC and other meetings from the town web site calendar function.
- Chris G. will not be available for our April GTMAC meeting.

Minutes

9 December 2020 Minutes approved as presented, Tom moved/Nathalie 2nd rollcall AIF.
27 January 2022 Minutes approved as presented, Tom moved/Chris L. 2nd roll call AIF

Upcoming Meeting:

24 March 2022 @6:00 PM hybrid Zoom

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Schmidt