

Granite Town Media Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 28 January 2021

**Present:** Dave Alcox, Wade Campbell, Kevin Federico, Tim Finan, Chris Gentry, Chris Labonte, Tom Schmidt, Nathalie Watson

### Absent: Jon Teger

Guests: George Hoyt, Josh Breault

As Chairman of this Committee, I am declaring that an emergency exists and I am invoking the provisions of RSA 91-A:2, III (b), otherwise known as the Right To Know Law.

Federal, state, and local officials have determined that gatherings of 10 or more people pose a substantial risk to our community in its continuing efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19. In concurring with their determination, I also find that this meeting is imperative to the continued operation of Town government and services, which are vital to public safety and confidence during this emergency. As such, this meeting will be conducted without a quorum of this body physically present in the same location.

At this time, I also welcome members of the public who may be accessing this meeting remotely. Even though this meeting is being conducted in a unique manner under unusual circumstances, the usual rules of conduct and decorum apply.

Public comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Any person found to be disrupting this meeting will be asked to cease the disruption. Should the disruptive behavior continue thereafter, that person will be removed from this meeting.

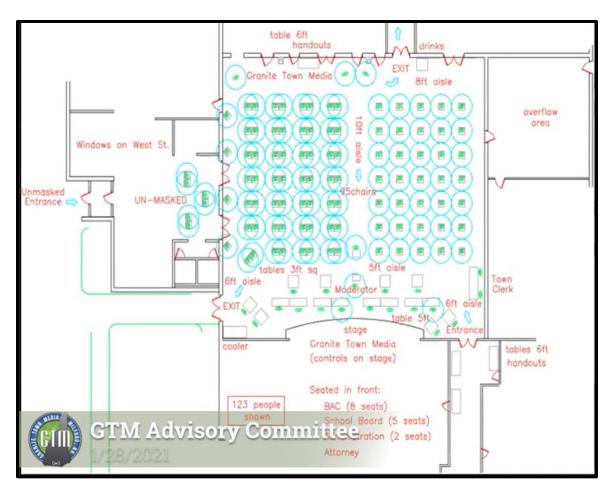
Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting must and will be done by Roll Call vote.

#### Call to Order:

▶ Meeting called to order 6:06 PM

#### **Manager Report**

Deliberative Session Coverage – due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements the town Deliberative Session will be held at the high school. Responsibility for covering the session is shared; high school staff is responsible for audio and GTM video. Meeting will be carried live by GTM. It will be a hybrid Zoom meeting, previously authenticated non-resident participants will be issued Zoom credentials prior to the meeting allowing them to speak. School WiFi will be open to the public during the meeting. Masks will be required to enter the main area. Voters not wearing masks will be seated in the restaurant adjacent and participate via a TV. If they have questions the assistant moderator will pass them to the moderator, being unmasked they will not be allowed in the main area. In case more than 95 voters attend overflow voters will be seated in the adjacent classroom with a video monitor. Chris is evaluating internet bandwidth requirements to maximize video quality.



- Equipment purchase JVC sports and Sony general purpose cameras have arrived.
- > Discussed Comrex connectivity options: bonded Cellular, WiFi and Ethernet.
- All GTM channels both live and on demand are now fully digital including the link from town hall to GTM equipment at the high school.
- New Comcast HD channel has not yet been turned up activation currently planned February 11-18<sup>th</sup>.
- Drone use Chris assisted the fire department missing person search. The drone camera is capable of both visual and IR making it extremely useful during searches. Discussed FAA drone requirements.
- Chris is working with Keith Jones to provide videographer internships to select Special Ed students.

### Videos

- > A Holiday greeting from multiple town departments was well received.
- > 2021 National Honor Society induction ceremony.
- > Milford Recreation Department Feb 13th virtual dance party.
- Covering boys and girls basketball, hockey and baseball. Away games are difficult due to distancing requirements. Wherever possible Chris is working with other towns to obtain away game videos.
- Initial planning for 2021 graduation with the assumption social distancing will still be required.
- Amato Center winter concert produced by Jon's video class.
- > Ambulance Department is working on a community thank you video.

# GTMAC community member

Josh Breault is interesting in joining GTMAC filling a community member vacancy. Kevin moved/Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> to recommend BoS appoint Josh to the committee AIF. Tim will notify the BoS.

# Policies and Procedures Discussion - no update

**Candidates Forum -** George Hoyt attended the meeting. He will once again be organizing the School Board candidates' forum planned for week of Feb 15th. Planned as Zoom meeting, working with Chris to schedule date and time so it does not conflict with other meetings and the Board of Selectmen candidates' forum planned for Feb 17th

10 Dec 2020 Minutes - Tom moved to approve as presented/Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF

**2020 GTM history update** – Added graduation program at the Milford Drive In to draft. Kevin moved to approve as revised/Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF

## **Upcoming Meeting:**

25 Feb 2021 @6:00 PM via Zoom

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Schmidt