



# **Granite Town Media**

## **Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes – Unapproved Draft**

21 November 2022

**Present:** Dave Alcox, Josh Breault, Wade Campbell, Tim Finan, Chris Gentry, Lisa Griffiths, Tom Schmidt, Jon Teger, Nathalie Watson

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Tina Philbrick

#### **Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order 6:30 PM as a hybrid Zoom meeting. The governor has rescinded COVID-19 emergency status pertaining to public meetings.

#### **Manager Report**

- 11 November Special Budget meeting – audio in the Town Hall Auditorium was greatly improved this year.
- Milford Historical Society lecture – Working with Historical Society to edit the video.
- Historically large midterm election turnout, GTM covered live during the day. Total of 6,955 voters cast ballots of which 444 were new voters for a turnout of 65%. Tim F. uploaded the final election result. Election result was quickly posted on town web site.

#### **New Member**

- Tina Philbrick - Tom moved/Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> to submit BoS recommendation that Tina be added as Community Member. AIF. BoS vote will be 28 November.

#### **Increase Cable franchise fee to 5%**

- Discussion – Chris presented GTM financials at previous meeting. Almost all NH towns collect the maximum authorized FCC fee of 5%. The additional cost will vary depending on the TV portion of Cable subscriber bill. For typical mid-range Cable TV Subscribers the increase will be \$1.60-\$2.50 per month. Tom moved/Jon 2<sup>nd</sup> to recommend Comcast franchise fee be raised from 3% to 5%. AIF
- Per the franchisee agreement the change will take up to 90 days to implement once Comcast is notified.
- GTMAC will present the request at the December 12<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting.

**Minutes**

- 25 August 2022 Minutes approved as corrected – Tom moved/Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF
- 27 October 2022 Minutes approved as presented – Tom moved/Jon 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF
- 27 October 2022 Non-Public Minutes approved as presented - Tom moved/Wade 2<sup>nd</sup> Approved 7-0-1

**Upcoming Meeting:**

Tentatively scheduled: 21 December 2022 6:30 time @Pasta Loft in Milford.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Schmidt