

### Northwood, NH Board of Selectmen Agenda July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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6:00pm Call to Order, Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Forum (15-minute limit, 3 minutes/speaker)

**ONGOING BUSINESS** 

• Approve Minutes
June 27th, 2023

6:30PM

Public Hearings - Community Development Block Grant Request - One Sky Service Rehabilitation Project.

Consent Agenda

TA Report/Items for Board Action

**OLD BUSINESS** 

Review for Action: Cable TV Franchise Agreement One Year Extension – Action Required

**NEW BUSINESS** 

Review for Action: Emergency Management Director Vacancy

**Board Task Manager** 

**Board Committee Reports.** 

Citizen's Forum (15-minute limit, 3 minutes/speaker)

Nonpublic Session if needed RSA 91-A:311 () and ().

### Adjournment

\*Any person requiring interpretive or other accommodation is asked to contact the Town Office at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

TOWN OF NORTHWOOD

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** Town of Northwood 818 First NH Turnpike Northwood, NH 03261 (603) 942-5586

### **Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes** June 27, 2023

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> ROLL CALL: Chairman Hal Kreider, Vice-Chairman Tim Colby (arrived at 6:07), Select Board Member Beth Boudreau, Select Board Member Jim Guzofski, and Select Board Member Pam Sanderson.

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STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator Walter Johnson

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6:00 P.M. Chairman Kreider opened the Northwood Board of Selectmen meeting with a roll call and led the pledge of allegiance.

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#### Citizen's Forum:

Jim Hadley of Old Mountain Road gave the Board a two-page handout. He stated that several days ago he sent an email to the Selectman and Town Administrator about a pothole on his street. In his handout he wants to make sure the Board is aware of the town's responsibility for fixing potholes in a timely manner, and if not, the town's liability. He first noticed the pothole on May 24. He waited two weeks before he contacted the highway supervisor. The statute states you contact either the Selectmen or the Highway Supervisor. He contacted him and waited two weeks and didn't hear anything. That is when he sent the email back to him and the Selectmen and the Town Administrator. Whenever he has had road issues in the past, he has just called the Road Agent and he would do whatever had to be done the next day. It took the town officially 17 days to fix the pothole, after being legally noticed as required by law. That was between June 6 and June 23 and the town may be liable for any damages to vehicles such as front ends that may have been damaged by the pothole. There are about 30 housing units beyond the location of the pothole on Old Mountain Road. That does not include the addition of UPS trucks, and there is a veterinarian and a dog boarding company up there that gets a lot of traffic. He is asking the Board to take the time to be aware of these statutes and understand the importance they are to the Northwood traveling public.

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H. Kreider read the following email: "I wanted to bring your attention to the situation at Bennett Bridge Beach. Since 2020 the lines in the parking area have bene wearing away and are now nonexistent. I realize that Chris Brown is working under a Highway budget that does not allow him a lot of wiggle room for things like parking lines on a beach when there are so many road needs. However, it is getting to be a real problem as people just park anyway and anywhere. On Sunday, we had the most people we have ever seen. They were parked everywhere. Some parked haphazardly in the parking area while other parked on both sides of the road, including in front of the mailboxes which are passed the beach. When I can home around 2:30 p.m. I had to drive very slowly to fit between and get around the cars to be able to go home. No emergency vehicles would have been able to fit through. We live close enough that we walk to the beach, but if the volume continues this is a problem with no clear parking marked and could be a safety hazard. Based on the lack of road budget, is there anything the town can do or anything we can do to help? Thanks so much, Marlene Brown."

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T. Colby arrived at the meeting.

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### Town Clerk - Dog Warrant:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Marisa Russo presented the warrant for 116 unlicensed dogs for 2023 to the Selectboard for signatures. Civil forfeitures will be served by the Police. B. Boudreau stated that the clerk has put out many notices regarding the deadline for filing. The consensus of the Board is to sign the warrant. TA Johnson stated that the serving of all these civil forfeitures is a huge burden on the police department, especially since they have been shorthanded for several years. If residents would register their dogs in a timely manner, it would free up a lot of time for the officers at the police department. This dog licensing is not a town law. It is a state law that requires the police to serve the notices. The town receives \$2.00 for each dog registered and it will cost over \$60 an hour for an officer to go to houses to deliver the civil forfeiture notices. This will cost the town a lot of money in the long run. M. Russo stated she is not informed if an animal has passed away, or been relocated, unless the owner tells her.

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### **Approve Minutes:**

- Motion: "To approve the minutes of June 13, 2023, as presented."
- 66 Motion: P. Sanderson67 Second: T. Colby
- 68 Motion carried by vote of 5 to 0.

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### Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable Manifest dated June 21, 2023, Batch #120 for \$78,301.20. Items of note include payments to Hodgkins Painting & Maintenance for \$4,000 for lawn maintenance for the cemeteries and public facilities, payment to the IRS for \$12,984.78 for employee taxes, and NH Retirement System for
- 74 \$46,565.91 for employee retirement contributions.
- 75 Payroll Manifest dated June 28, 2023, Batch # 062823 for \$ 51,370.96
- 76 Accounts Payable Manifest dated June 28, 2023, batch 121 for \$12,193.32. This consists of payments to
- 77 the IRS of \$12,029.90 and Healthtrust for \$163.46.
- 78 <u>Abatements:</u> Approve or Deny per Assessor's Recommendations
- 79 Map 216, Lot 34 113 School Street Advent Christian Church
- 80 Map 234, Lot 77 185 First NH Tpke Irving Oil
- 81 Others:
- 82 Intent to Cut Map 212, Lot 65 Hamm
- 83 Intent to Cut Map 213, Lots 1 & 2- Johnson
- 84 Seasonal Camper Permit Map 125, Lot 62 Fagan
- 85 Land Use Change Tax Map 224-8-1 Binette
- 86 Land Use Change Tax Map 119-9 Sargent
- 87 Land Use Change Tax Map 119-10 Thibeault
- 88 Land Use Change Tax Map 119-12 Blais
- 89 Land Use Change Tax Map 119-13 Atherton
- 90 Land Use Change Tax Map 119-14 Harrison

- 91 Reimbursement Requests to the Trustees of the Trust Funds:
- 92 Lagoon Maintenance ETF \$3,750 for payments to Round Pond Soil Survey
- 93 Road Improvement ETF \$3,514.70 for payments to Benevento Aggregates and Radford Messenger
- 94 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention ETF 3,250.00 for payments to Pleasant Lake Preservation Assn and
- 95 NH Lakes on behalf of Harvey Lake Watershed Assoc.
- 96 Transfer Station ETF \$4,167.30 for payment to Benevento Aggregates
- 97 Cemetery Maintenance ETF \$15,000 for payment to ArborCare Tree Service
- 98 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ETF \$2,241.07 for payments to Judy Martin-Royce, Robert Zielinski, and United
- 99 Church of Christ
- 100 Total Reimbursement Requests = \$ 31,923.07
- 101 Motion: "To approve the consent agenda as presented."
- 102 Motion: T. Colby
- 103 Second: P. Sanderson
- 104 Motion carried by vote of 5 to 0.
- B. Boudreau asked for the balance in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. TA Johnson did not have that information with him tonight but will get it to her.

### 108 TA Report:

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- 109 <u>Staffing:</u> There is still one full-time position open in the police department and one full-time in the fire department, although the Board will be discussing one candidate later tonight. One seasonal staff
- position is still open in the recreation department.
- 112 <u>PW and facilities projects:</u> <u>Ditching</u> is continuing in advance of the road reconstruction work to be done
- this summer. TA Johnson is still working with Steve Robert on the sound and video system improvements.
- There will be a new device to link the phone to the broadcast system so that people calling in to meetings
- will be more easily heard. TA Johnson continues to work on alternates at the <u>transfer station</u> for the
- 11.6 recyclables. We continue to work with the engineers to respond to DES concerns about the septage
- 117 lagoons and the transfer station. Some items have been completed, such as the new entrance sign. TA
- Johnson continues to work on an assessment of the town hall meeting space. He is waiting for a plan from
- 119 the architect.
- 120 <u>Elections:</u> August 1 will be the primary for the open state representative seat. H. Kreider said Brian
- 121 Winslow, School Board Chair, asked if some Board members could attend a school board meeting on July
- 122 12 at 2:30. H. Kreider would like to talk about the generator for the shelter, the timing of the changes of
- fuel, and the increased costs and needing to find a place to hold elections. The parish hall will no longer
- be available for elections after the August 1 primary. P. Sanderson and J. Guzofski stated they could join
- 125 H. Kreider at that meeting. At the Board of Selectmen meeting prior to July 12, the Board will discuss
- 126 what they want to say.
- 127 One Sky CDBG Request. The Board had said they will consider the application One Sky wants to have
- submitted. There will be a public hearing at the next meeting at 6:30 to hear details of the project and
- discuss some of the facets of the program, and conditions of the grant requirements.
- 130 <u>EMD Resignation:</u> The Board has received the resignation of EMD Bob Young. Chief Drolet is the Deputy
- and will assume the duties for now. H. Kreider said the Board will talk at the next meeting regarding how
- to meet the needs of that position and to thank Bob personally.
- 133 Meetings are scheduled for June 28 for conducting Town Administrator interviews in a non-public session.
- The next regular Board meetings will be July 11 and July 25.

### 136 **6:30 Recreation Commission – Follow-up Discussion:**

- 137 Wade Sauls, Dave Ruth, and Justin Miller from the Recreation Commission were present. John Newman
- 138 was present to discuss the plans for the recreation fields. Discussion occurred regarding the

responsibilities that would be given to the Recreation Commission by the Board of Selectmen. The Recreation Commission has requested the following responsibilities:

- 1. Setting the strategic direction of the Recreation Department. This includes three-to-five-year priority areas and key performance indicators to measure progress. The strategic direction includes facilities, where they are located, and how many we have and is a broad overview of the department. There was discussion of how to mesh the recreation commission plans with the town master plan and how to get funding approved and how to mesh recreation with other departments in town such as the library to promote a variety of activities. Having regular meetings between the Board of Selectmen and the Recreation Commission will help to promote that. The Board agreed with this request. TA Johnson noted the strategic plan must be presented to the Board before approval because the Board has the ultimate authority and oversees everything. Items may need to be adjusted based on the other needs of the community. Once the plan has been adopted, it is up to the Recreation Director, in concert with the Friends and the Commission, to execute the plan. That is where you get cohesive cooperation. This will bring continuity and cooperation when you have a staff member instead of a volunteer who can be responsible and held accountable within the plan.
- 2. Setting policy for recreation programs and facilities. This is opposed to recommending policy for the Board of Selectmen to adopt. TA Johnson explained that all the policies that exist now have been executed by the Board of Selectmen, and they must be because the Board is responsible for any liability and enforcement of the policies and any legality related to the policies. He feels the Commission can recommend policies to the Board and they can be evaluated by legal or insurance and then can get adopted by the Board. He also feels the Commission is confusing rules and regulations for the department versus policies. Only the Board has the authority to set policy for town property and they have already done that. Any rules and regulations of the games, events, and functions would lie within the Commission. There is an existing policy that states use of the recreation facilities needs to be approved through the Recreation Commission, but the request needs to come through the town because we need to ensure the people using the facilities are complying with all the regulations, such as insurance. The TA has already provided the Recreation Commission with all the current policies. The Board agrees that policy recommendations need to come to the Board, but rules and regulations are determined by the Recreation Commission.
- 3. Advise the Board of Selectmen on appointments, but the power to appoint is with the Board of Selectmen. Agreed by the Board.
- 4. Advise the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen on the hiring of new recreation directors and assistant directors. Agreed by the Board.
- 5. Advise the recreation director in the formation of the department budget as well as the CIP. Agreed by the Board.
- 6. <u>Approval of expenditures out of the revolving fund over \$5,000</u>. The current policy requires that any expenditure requests over \$5,000 must have the concurrence or recommendation of the Recreation Commission, but only the Board of Selectmen authorize the expenses.

### **Recreation Field Plans:**

John Newman presented the plan for the recreation fields. He spoke about parking issues and one-way traffic patterns, the possibility of adding gated emergency access, the use of multi-purpose fields, and possible future expansion options. There will need to be listening sessions to get public input to gain buyin and potential funding approval. The recreation fields can also be designated as a landing spot for medical helicopters as well. TA Johnson reminded the Commission to think about timing. September is when they look at the CIP. Some of these things need to be added to that if they want to be funded in the next few years. Funding was appropriated this year that can be used to crush material that is up there so that it can be used on projects, depending on what the priorities are.

187 At 7:18, the Board took a 3-minute recess.

H. Kreider said tomorrow night will be three candidate interviews starting at 6:30. Candidates will speak for a few minutes, then open for questions, with one Board member asking at a time.

### **Center School Status:**

TA Johnson reported that legal counsel gave an opinion that we can utilize the approved funding to raze the Center School building for dismantling the building instead. The current contractor is very understanding of our situation. He has provided us with an invoice for the expenses already incurred for \$1,900. He is willing to offer a bid to dismantle the building as well. TA Johnson needs to know how the Board wants to structure the RFP. He added that once the building is off the town property, we have no control over the use of the building from a legal standpoint. But we will have accomplished what the voters asked us to do and utilized the available funding. There was discussion about a new bid process, the timeline for bids and completion of the project. TA Johnson suggested selling the building to be dismantled by sealed bids, with a specified time to have the building removed off the property. Insurance would need to be provided and possibly a bond. The consensus of the Board is to sell the building by sealed bid process with the building needing to be removed from the town property within 30 days and insurance must be provided for everyone involved.

### **Cable TV Franchise Agreement Negotiations Update:**

TA Johnson said the cable negotiations have been a long, drawn-out process. The current contract expires at the end of 2023, but Breezeline has agreed to a 1-year extension. They will not extend the existing terms, which are more favorable to the town than to Breezeline, for any more than one year. They want to increase their build-out per mile with different density requirements, which is more favorable for them than the town. Breezeline's poor customer service has been a major issue, but they have improved their game significantly. This agreement is strictly for cable tv, not internet service. We will have another year of formal negotiations and hopefully finalizing a contract. This will probably be the last contract due to a decrease in cable customers and increase in streaming services.

### Amendment to Purchasing Policy:

- TA Johnson heard a message at the Department Head meeting that the \$500 purchasing limit before needing TA approval was too low. Due to price increases on everything, \$500 will not even buy two tires for an ambulance, for example. He is proposing changes to the spending limit for a department head to \$1,000 and the Town Administrator limit to \$5,000. These are the only changes proposed.
- 221 Motion: "To approve the amendment to the Purchasing Policy as presented."
- 222 Motion: J. Guzofski
- 223 Second: P. Sanderson
- B. Boudreau asked what other towns have for limits. TA Johnson said most have increased the limits to \$1,000. He added the issue is more about the execution process than anything else. He has complete confidence in the department heads making good decisions for the taxpayer's money and there is still oversight and accountability in the policy.
- 228 Motion carried by vote of 5 to 0.

- 230 Board Task Manager:
- 231 There are no changes.

233 New business:

- TA Johnson reported that the <u>pothole</u> situation reported during Citizen's Forum has already been addressed. TA Johnson added that if a pothole is visible and can reasonably be avoided, there is no liability to the town. If it is not visible or avoidable, we have 24 hours to put up flags.
- He added that when any <u>parking lines</u> are painted, we would then be subject to the ADA rules and would need to supply a handicap parking spot and ADA access to the facility. It will be a challenge to get handicap access to some of the facilities. If parking issues are blocking emergency access, the police should be called because that can be addressed.

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There was a discussion about hiring a contractor to help catch up on the ditching work on which we are behind or put more funds towards ditching instead of road reconstruction. TA Johnson said that we are committed for this year for road reconstruction work. This needs to be a discussion that should take place during the next budget season, with input from PW Foreman Brown. The Board has already approved an extra month of rental on the excavator for ditching work. Contract ditching work would cost \$2,500 a day. There was also some confusion about where the message goes when someone uses the website to report a pothole. TA Johnson will find that out.

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### **Board Committee Reports:**

H. Kreider reported the recent Safety Facility Committee listening sessions went very well. A citizen requested to attend the next committee meeting and then asked to be appointed as an alternate.

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P. Sanderson said the Zoning Board is still looking for two alternates to serve. They have moved their meeting dates to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. This will accommodate town staff to bring planning board results to the ZBA to assist in decision-making since there will be more time between the Planning Board meeting and the Zoning Board meeting.

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B. Boudreau said the Friends of Recreation have agreed to sponsor the Imagination Library Program by Dolly Parton. Children under the age of five will receive a book every month.

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Citizen's Forum:

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- 265 At 8:28,
- 266 Motion: "To go into a non-public session under RSA 91A;3 (a), (b), and (c)."
- 267 Motion: T. Colby
- 268 Second: P. Sanderson
- 269 Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

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271 Public session Resumed at 8:50pm

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- Motion "to seal the minutes as the content of the session may affect the reputations of an individual or individuals not a member of the Board.
- 275 Motion: T. Colby
- 276 Second: J. Guzofski
- 277 Motion carried by roll call vote of 5/0.

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T. Colby questioned the continued use of the upper section of the Rt 4 athletic fields for disposing of large
 tree trunks removed from town roadsides and waste material from ditch work. TA Johnson reported that
 the use of the recreation field property should be used exclusively for recreational activity so grants can

### DRAFT

282	be requested for work/improvements on the entire site. T. Colby expressed concern about finding an
283	alternative site owned by the town. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting when DPW
284	Foreman Brown is in attendance.
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286	Motion: "To recess this meeting until 6:30pm on June 28th at Town Hall for the purpose of interviewing
287	TA candidates."
288	Motion: J. Guzofski
289	Second: P. Sanderson
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291	Meeting recessed at 8:57
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293	Minutes respectfully submitted by
294	Cheryl Eastman
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### Northwood NH Consent Agenda for July 11, 2023

Accounts Payable Manifest dated July 5, 2023
Batch #122 for \$82, 726.22

Payroll Manifest dated July 12, 2023

Batch #071223 for \$56,581.96

Approved by a vote of <b>Yes,</b>	<b>No</b> on July 11, 2023
	Hal Kreider
	Tim Colby
	Beth Boudreau
	James Guzofski
	Pamela Sanderson

### Town of Northwood Town Administrator's Report July 11, 2023

**Staffing Update:** PD one FT patrolman positions in the police, still accepting applications for one seasonal staff position in the Rec Department

**2023 Public Works and Facility Projects:** Ditch work continues on several roads in anticipation of the reconstruction and paving projects in late summer and fall. We continue working with Steve Robert to improve the AV equipment in the town hall. DPW continues to repair several potholes on many roads throughout town created by the ongoing heavy rain events.

Transfer Station and Septage Lagoon Inspection: We continue to work with CMA Engineering on responses to a couple of questions regarding closing out the landfilled glass and the overall landfill closure plan. Work also continues to comply with their requests concerning the septage lagoon system with CMA. Numerous pictures have been sent to DES confirming our compliance with the notice of deficiencies letter items. We have a new entrance sign at the transfer station that complies with the current DES rules provided by NH the Beautiful Program at no charge.

**Former Center School:** A request for bids for the sale of the building to be removed from town property has been issued with bids due on August 1. Conditions include having to remove the building from town property within 30 days of award. A copy of the RFP is posted on the town's website.

Elections: The August 1<sup>st</sup> special primary election for state representative will be in the parish hall from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Some Board members will be meeting with the school board on 7/12 at 2:30pm to discuss the future use of the school for elections and the new generator for the school.

Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization Representatives Appointments: Your packet includes a copy of the letter regarding the need to appoint a representative and alternate to the Technical Advisory committee (TAC) from Northwood.

Tax Deeded Properties: Discussions are ongoing with the former owners of two tax deeded properties that I feel will result in the repurchase of both in the near future.

**Upcoming Meetings Schedule:** Board Meeting Schedule: special Board session on 7/12, regular meetings: 7/11 and 7/25,

TA Report

# STRAFFORD Regional Planning Commission

July 8, 2023

Northwood Board of Selectmen 12 Mountain View Drive Strafford NH 03884

Dear Northwood Board of Selectmen,

The Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO) is responsible for transportation planning for the region. The MPO is comprised of the Policy Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Each of the eighteen communities is a member of the MPO through their association with Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC).

The TAC is typically comprised of municipal staff representatives, or other individuals involved in day-to-day transportation decisions. They provide leadership and make recommendations to the SMPO Policy Committee. The Policy Committee is comprised of all SRPC Commissioners and other transportation and transit providers and agencies in the State and region.

Members will be appointed for two years, in this case, Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025. The TAC meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of every month to give and receive input on regional transportation issues and is a critical component in the decision-making process for the MPO. Our records indicate that your current appointees' terms expired on 6/30/2023 and you have one vacancy:

### CURRENT APPOINTEES:

Regular Member

Alternate

Vacant: term expiration 6/30/2023

Walter Johnson: term expiration 6/30/2023

Please use the attached appointment form and return once completed to Megan Taylor-Fetter (<u>mtaylorfetter@strafford.org</u>), Strafford Regional Planning Commission, 150 Wakefield Street, Suite 12, Rochester, NH 03867. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Czysz AIC Executive Director

cc: Walter Johnson

### STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

150 Wakefield Street, Suite 12, Rochester, NH 03867

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### Town of Northwood

### NEW APPOINTEE AND ALTERNATE

FY 2024 - FY 2025 APPOINTEE	FY 2024- FY 2025 ALTERNATE 1
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
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The signatures of the Appointing Official(s) lining individual(s) shall be appointed as the Town of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the pe	Northwood's representative(s) of the MPO
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## TOWN OF NORTHWOOD Public Hearings Community Development Block Grant Project

July 11, 2023 6:30pm (Please note in the minutes that an informational document was available)

### Selectmen Open Public Hearing on the Proposed One Sky Community Services Rehabilitation Project CDBG Application

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for Economic Development Projects, up \$500,000 for Housing Projects, up to \$500,000 for Public Facility Projects, up to \$350,000 in Emergency Funds, up to \$25,000 per Planning Study grant. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low- and moderate-income persons.

This is a proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in CDBG Housing Grant Funds. Of the grant funds, up to \$30,000 will be retained by the town of Northwood for administrative costs associated with the project, \$470,000 of the funds will be sub-granted to One Sky Community Services for the rehabilitation of One Sky housing at 36 Bean Road in Northwood, NH. One Sky will use the funds for improvements including a fire suppression system, the addition of two bedrooms, the addition of a full bathroom, a new metal roof, septic system upgrade/additional to meet the need of the additional bedrooms, safety measures that include reinforcement of exterior stairs, deck, along with ramps and other accessibility upgrades, mechanical upgrades, such a new heating, paving and energy improvements.

This project conforms with Northwood's proposed Housing and Community Development Plan's goals of: Goal: Encourage a varied stock of safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for persons of all age and income groups. And, Goal: Encourage services to meet needs, including social services, elder and child care needs.

ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (the minutes must reflect that the public was asked for comments – even if there is no public there)

### Selectmen Close Public Hearing

## Selectmen Open the Public Hearing on the Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the One Sky Community Services Rehabilitation Project

This plan outlines measures, under the Uniform Relocation Act, required for CDBG projects that involve any displacement or relocation of persons (or businesses), if the Town were to undertake a CDBG project which involved displacement or relocation they would follow this plan. The plan outlines the measures they would take to find comparable, suitable housing for persons (or businesses) displaced or relocated. No displacement or relocation is anticipated for this project.

### ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

### Selectmen Close the Public Hearing

### Selectmen Open Public Hearing on the Housing and Community Development Plan

A Housing and Community Development Plan is required to be eligible to apply for CDBG funds. The proposed Northwood's Housing and Community Development Plan (HCDP) identifies needs, which currently exist or are anticipated during the next three years. The Plan provides a basis for guiding the

Town's housing and community development objectives and actions. In addition, the Plan includes a CDBG Citizen Participation plan that details the CDBG requirements for public hearings.

Goal: Encourage a varied stock of safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for persons of all age and income groups. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage economic development activities to increase quality industrial and commercial development. Encourage the expansion and retention of employment opportunities for residents. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage municipal and private water and wastewater systems that are safe, sanitary and that meet DES regulations. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage services to meet needs, including social services, elder and child care needs.

Goal: Preserve and promote the Town's historically and culturally significant structures. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Promote activities that protect the health and safety of residents and visitors. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

### Selectmen Close the Public Hearing

### **VOTING**

Selectmen vote to approve the submittal of the CDBG application and vote to authorize the Chairman, Board of Selectmen to sign and submit the CDBG application, and upon approval of the CDBG application, authorize the Chairman, Board of Selectmen to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the CDBG contract, and any amendments thereto.

Selectmen vote to adopt the Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

Selectmen vote to adopt the Housing and Community Development Plan

### Handout

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This plan outlines measures, under the Uniform Relocation Act, required for CDBG projects that involve any displacement or relocation of persons (or businesses), if the Town were to undertake a CDBG project which involved displacement or relocation they would follow this plan. The plan outlines the measures they would take to find comparable, suitable housing for persons (or businesses) displaced or relocated. No displacement or relocation is anticipated for this project.

#### Public Hearing on the Housing and Community Development Plan

A Housing and Community Development Plan is required to be eligible to apply for CDBG funds. The proposed Northwood's Housing and Community Development Plan (HCDP) identifies needs, which currently exist or are anticipated during the next three years. The Plan provides a basis for guiding the Town's housing and community development objectives and actions. In addition, the Plan includes a CDBG Citizen Participation plan that details the CDBG requirements for public hearings.

Goal: Encourage a varied stock of safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for persons of all age and income groups. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage economic development activities to increase quality industrial and commercial development. Encourage the expansion and retention of employment opportunities for residents. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage municipal and private water and wastewater systems that are safe, sanitary and that meet DES regulations. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage services to meet needs, including social services, elder and child care needs.

Goal: Preserve and promote the Town's historically and culturally significant structures. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Promote activities that protect the health and safety of residents and visitors. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

### NORTHWOOD

## Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan For the Proposed One Sky Community Services Rehabilitation Project

Every effort will be made to minimize temporary or permanent displacement of persons due to a CDBG project undertaken by the municipality.

However, in the event of displacement as a result of a federally funded CDBG award, the Town will comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, to any household, regardless of income which is involuntarily and permanently displaced.

If the property is acquired, but will not be used for low/moderate income housing under 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the displacement and relocation plan shall provide that before obligating and spending funds that will directly result in such demolition or conversion the municipality will make public and submit to CDFA the following information:

- a. Comparable replacement housing in the community within three (3) years of the commencement date of the demolition or rehabilitation;
- b. A description of the proposed activity;
- c. The general location on a map and appropriate number of dwelling units by number of bedrooms that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low and moderate income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
- d. A time schedule for the commencement and completion date of the demolition or conversion;
- e. The general location on a map and appropriate number of dwelling units by number of bedrooms that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;
- f. The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units;
- g. The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a low and moderate income dwelling unit for at least ten (10) years from the date of initial occupancy;
- h. Relocation benefits for all low or moderate income persons shall be provided, including reimbursement for moving expenses, security deposits, credit checks, temporary housing, and other related expenses and either:
- 1. Sufficient compensation to ensure that, at least for five (5) years after being relocated, any displaced low/moderate income household shall not bear a ratio of shelter costs to income that exceeds thirty (30) percent, or:
- 2. If elected by a family, a lump-sum payment equal to the capitalized value of the compensation available under subparagraph 1. above to permit the household to secure participation in a housing cooperative or mutual housing association, or a Section 8 certificate of voucher for rental assistance provided through New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority.
- i. Persons displaced shall be relocated into comparable replacement housing that is decent, safe, and sanitary, adequate in size to accommodate the occupants, functionally equivalent, and in an area not subject to unreasonably adverse environmental conditions:
- j. Provide that persons displaced have the right to elect, as an alternative to the benefits in

subparagraph 2. above, to received benefits under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 if such persons determine that it is in their best interest to do so; and

- k. The right of appeal to the executive director of CDFA where a claim for assistance under subparagraph 2. above, is denied by the grantee. The executive director's decision shall be final unless a court determines the decision was arbitrary and capricious.
- I. Paragraphs a. through k. above shall not apply where the HUD Field Office objectively finds that there is an adequate supply of decent, affordable low/moderate income housing in the area.

### CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

The Town anticipates no displacement or relocation activities will be necessitated by this project. All commercial tenants will remain, no displacement is needed. The residential construction is only in vacant areas of the building. Should some unforeseen need for relocation arise, the Town certifies that it will comply with the Uniform Relocation Act and Section 104 (d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Printed Municipal Official Name: Hal Kreider.

Title: Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Signature:

Date of Adoption: July 11, 2023

## NORTHWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE Housing and Community Development Plan July 2023

The Northwood's Housing and Community Development Plan (HCDP) identifies needs, which currently exist or are anticipated during the next three years. The Plan provides a basis for guiding the Town's housing and community development objectives and actions. The Housing and Community Development Plan is consistent with the current master plan of the Town.

This document also outlines the Town's efforts to include citizen participation in implementing activities funded through the Community Development Block Grant. That information is found in the section below titled "Citizen Participation Plan."

### **Housing and Community Development Goals and Objectives**

The Plan's goals and objectives are identified below and are consistent with the national Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the state's objectives listed in Chapter Cdfa 300 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Rules (Cdfa 305.01 & 310.01). These goals and objectives are both short and long term. Priority will be given to the needs of low and moderate-income persons, minorities and disadvantaged people.

The Town states that as a matter of policy, involuntary displacement of households from their neighborhoods as part of a CDBG project shall be minimized.

Goals and objectives of this plan, both long and short-term, are consistent with following broad national objectives:

National Objective 1: direct benefit to low and moderate income persons or households;

National Objective 2: the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; and

National Objective 3: Elimination of conditions which seriously and immediately threaten the public health and welfare.

Goals and Objectives of this plan also addresses as many of the following state's objectives <u>as appropriate</u> for CDBG grant awards, and priority will be given to projects that have a public benefit, in both the short and long-term as follows:

State Objective 1: Implementing the Housing and Community Development Plan and conforming to the Town's master plan and ordinances;

State Objective 2: Preserving and promoting existing neighborhoods and community centers;

State Objective 3: Restoring and preserving properties which have historic, cultural, architectural or aesthetic value;

State Objective 4: Solving community problems with long term benefits and innovative solutions;

State Objective 5: Successfully raising funds or securing matching funds and resources from public and private sources; and

State Objective 6: Funding needed projects for which other private or public funding shall not be available.

The Town's three-year short and long-term goals and objectives are as follows:

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Town commits to the following goals to meet the Housing and Community Development needs of the Town:

Goal: Encourage a varied stock of safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing for persons of all age and income groups. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage economic development activities to increase quality industrial and commercial development. Encourage the expansion and retention of employment opportunities for residents. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage municipal and private water and wastewater systems that are safe, sanitary and that meet DES regulations. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Encourage services to meet needs, including social services, elder and child care needs.

Goal: Preserve and promote the Town's historically and culturally significant structures. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Goal: Promote activities that protect the health and safety of residents and visitors. (Short-term and Long-term goal).

Federal CDBG grant funds awarded shall be consistent with the national objectives and shall, at a minimum, provide improved housing in accordance with Section 8 standards, public facilities, or employment opportunities primarily to low and moderate income persons or households. Grants shall not benefit moderate income persons to the exclusion of low income persons

### Citizen Participation Plan

The Town will seek to engage its citizens in implementing housing and community activities funded by the Community Development Block Grant. Its citizen participation efforts will be consistent with the State of New Hampshire's citizen participation plan. Specifically, the Town will adhere to the following steps to engage its citizens:

- 1) Publishing a statement of proposed activities for any application proposed to be submitted by the Town so that affected citizens have an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed activities.
- 2) Provide adequate notices, specifically to persons of low- and moderate-income as well as the the general public, for all public hearings to discuss proposed or approved CDBG applications. Such notices will include the statement of proposed activities or how to obtain such statement. At least ten days prior to any hearing, the notices will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the municipality; AND posted as a printed legal notice in at least three other public places.
- 3) Hold two or more public hearings on the proposed application at times and locations convenient to potential beneficiaries, accessible to persons with physical disabilities, and that meet the needs of non-English speaking residents, if appropriate, to obtain citizens' views before adoption of resolution or similar action by the local governing body authorizing the submission of the application. At least one public hearing will be held prior to submitting any CDBG application and another during the course of all approved projects.
- 4) Provide at public hearings information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed community development activities and the range of activities within the project.
- 5) Provide at public hearings information concerning the amount of funds that will benefit persons of low- and moderate-income.
- 6) Provide at public hearings information about potential program income and the Program Income Reuse plan, if program income is anticipated.

- 7) Furnish citizens with the plans made to minimize the displacement of persons and to assist persons actually displaced as a result of grant activities, if displacement is anticipated.
- 8) Provide technical assistance to groups representing persons of low- and moderate-income requesting such assistance in developing proposals.
- 9) Provide citizens with reasonable notice of substantial changes proposed in the use of grant funds and providing opportunity for public comment;
- 10) Any modifications or amendments to the project will be made in accordance with the same procedures required in points (1) through (3) above for the preparation and submission of a statement of proposed activities.

Any complaints or grievances received by Town will be addressed within 15 working days of its receipt.

Printed Municipal Official Name: Hal Kreider

Title: Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Signature:

Date of Adoption: July 11, 2023

### **MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION** For the Proposed One Sky Community Services Rehabilitation Project

To the best of my knowledge, the data in this application is true and correct, and this application submittal has been authorized by the Town of Northwood, New Hampshire. The Town of Northwood will comply with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations and requirements, including those in the CDBG Application and Program Guide and the Implementation Guide. Furthermore, I certify that:

The municipality affirmatively furthers fair and affordable housing:

Hal Kreider

- Where applicable, the proposed project is consistent with the municipal master plan, the Housing and Community Development Plan (HCDP), the Residential Antidisplacement & Relocation Assistance (RARA) Plan and that all planning and zoning requirements have been (will be) met;
- Where applicable, the municipality shall provide adequate funds to operate and maintain the public facility or improvement after the completion of the project;
- This application is being submitted with the full knowledge and approval of the Organization's Board of Selectmen and that the Organization will comply with New Hampshire conflict of interest laws as defined by RSA 7:19-a and RSA 292:6-a:
- This application is being submitted with the full knowledge and approval of CDFA's Privacy Policy, by which I acknowledge all information and documents created, accepted or obtained by, or on behalf of CDFA are potentially subject to disclosure in compliance with RSA 91-A, New Hampshire's Right-to-Know law. (party authorized in public hearing)

I hereunto set my hand and official seal. Notary Public/Justice of the Peace (Seal) My Commission expires

Hal Kreider Name of Designated CEO:	Chairman, Board of Selectmen Title:
X Signature	<u>July 11, 2023</u> Date
NOTARY SECTION	
appeared Hal Kreider, who acknowledged h	, the undersigned officer, personally im/herself to be the <u>Chairman, Board of Selectmen</u> and that executed the foregoing certification for the purposes therein
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my	hand and official seal.
Seal : My Commission expires:	Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

## Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report

## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

OMB Approval No. 2510-0011

Instructions. (See Public Reporting Statement and	Privacy Act Statem	ent and d	letailed instructio	ns on page 2.)
Applicant/Recipient Information	Indicate whether			: = '
1. Applicant/Recipient Name, Address, and Phone Town of Northwood 818 First NH Turnpike Northwood, NH 03261 Phone (603) 942-5586	(include area code)	:		Social Security Number or Employer ID Number:
HUD Program Name     Community Development Block Grant				4. Amount of HUD Assistance Requested/Received Up to \$500,000
<ol><li>State the name and location (street address, Cit 36 Bean Road, Northwood, NH</li></ol>	y and State) of the	or <b>ojec</b> t or	activity:	
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f you answered "No" to either question 1 or 2, Stop!  However, you must sign the certification at the end of Part II Other Government Assistance Provided oncludes, but is not limited to, any grant, loan, subside Department/State/Local Agency Name and	of the report.	ected So	urces and Use	of Funds. Such assistance
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Note: Use Additional pages if necessary.)				
Part III Interested Parties. You must disclose:  1. All developers, contractors, or consultants involved implementation of the project or activity and  2. any other person who has a financial interest in the or 10 percent of the assistance (whichever is lowe Alphabetical list of all persons with a reportable	e project or activity t	for which		, , ,
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Signature:			Date: (mm/dd/	(уууу)
X Hal Kreider, Chairman B	oard of Selectmen		July 11, 2023	

### Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Exempt Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.34(a) FORM 3-A

Project Name: Proposed One Sky Community Services Rehabilitation Project

Responsible Entity (Municipality): Town of Northwood

Sub-Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): One Sky Community Services

Preparer: Donna Lane

Certifying Officer Name and Title: Hal Kreider, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Project Address: <u>36 Bean Road, Northwood, NH</u> Total CDBG Grant Amount: <u>up to \$500,000</u>

Exempt CDBG Activity Estimated Amount: Up to \$30,000

Description of the Proposed Project: One Sky Community Services for the rehabilitation of One Sky housing at 36 Bean Road in Northwood, NH. One Sky will use the funds for improvements including a fire suppression system, the addition of two bedrooms, the addition of a full bathroom, a new metal roof, septic system upgrade/additional to meet the need of the additional bedrooms, safety measures that include reinforcement of exterior stairs, deck, along with ramps and other accessibility upgrades, mechanical upgrades, such a new heating, paving and energy improvements.

Level of Environmental Review Determination

### Activity/Project is Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a)

As Chief Certifying Official of the Applicant, I hereby certify that the activities from the above mentioned project have been reviewed and determined to be Exempt activity(ies) per 24 CFR 58.34 as follows (check those that apply):

	58.34(a) (1). Environmental & other studies, resource identification & the
	development of plans & strategies;
	58.34(a) (2) Information and financial services;
	58.34(a) (3) Administrative and management activities;
	58.34(a) (4) Public services that will not have a physical impact or result in any
	physical changes, including but not limited to services concerned with employment,
🎞	crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, counseling, energy
	conservation and welfare or recreational needs;
	58.34(a) (5) Inspections and testing of properties for hazards or defects;
	58.34(a) (6) Purchase of insurance;
	58.34(a) (7) Purchase of tools;
	58.34(a) (8) Engineering or design costs;
	58.34(a) (9) Technical assistance and training;
	58.34(a) (10) Assistance for temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter
	environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair, or restoration activities
	necessary only to control or arrest the effects from disasters or imminent threats to
	public safety including those resulting from physical deterioration;
	58.34(a) (11) Payment of principal and interest on loans made or obligations
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### CDBG Environmental Review Compliance Checklist for 24 CFR §58.6

### 1. §58.6(a) and (b) Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended: National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994

HUD State-administered assistance through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is considered a "formula grant made to States." By law, the restriction on financial assistance for acquisition and construction purposes in special flood hazard areas is not applicable to "formula grants made to States." 24 CFR 58.6(a)(3). Compliance with this section is not applicable for CDBG-financed projects.

2. §58.6(c) Coastal Barrier Improvement Act, as amended by the Coastal Barriers Improvement Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 3501) Not Applicable Please Move on to the next section CDFA 11/13/14.

Per FEMA's and the US Fish & Wildlife Service's web sites; New Hampshire does not have designated Coastal Barrier Resource System areas/communities. (Per Federal Consistency Coordinator, New Hampshire Costal Program DES 11/13/2014).

3.	§58.6(d) Runway	y Clear Zones	and Clear Zones	[24 CFR	§51.303(a	(3)1
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a.	ls your project located near Concord, Manchester or Portsmouth Airports? Yes ☐ No ☑
	If No, compliance with this section is complete.  If Yes, continue below.
b.	Does the project involve the sale or purchase of existing property? Yes $\square$ No $\square$
	If No, compliance with this section is complete.  If Yes, continue below.
C.	Is the project located within 2,500 feet of the end of a civil airport runway (Civil Airport's Runway Clear Zone) or within 15,000 feet of the end of a military runway (Military Airfield's Clear Zone)?
	Yes No Sampliance with this section is complete
	If <b>No</b> , compliance with this section is complete.  If <b>Yes</b> , Notice must be provided to buyer. The notice must advise the buyer that the property is in a Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone, what the implications of such a location are, and that there is a possibility that the property may, at a later date, be acquired by the airport operator. The buyer must sign a statement acknowledging receipt of this information, and a copy of the signed notice must be maintained in this ERR.

To determine if your project falls in the Clear zone please use the following link. Radius Tool: http://www.freemaptools.com/radius-around-point.htm input your address on top, go below the map and fill in the feet space, click on map and the radius

Cite and attach source document (Map indicating project site in proximity to end of runway): For more information see:

Airport Information: https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards/ http://www.airnav.com/airports/

will be shown. If you have questions please call CDFA.

HUD Airport Hazards Guidance: <a href="https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards/">https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards/</a>/
Notice to Prospective Buyers: <a href="https://www.onecpd.info/resource/2758/notice-prospective-buyers-properties-in-runway-clear-zones/">https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards/</a>

With reference to the above Program activity(ies)/Project, I, the undersigned officer of the grantee, accept responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act for environmental reviews, decisions and actions. By my signature below, I certify that I am authorized to, and do personally accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Court for enforcement of the aforesaid responsibilities. In addition, we request that the environmental conditions attendant to the above referenced grant activities be released so that, upon Governor and Council approval (where applicable), funds may be drawn down for Exempt (§58.34). I understand that any activities not listed above are subject to all rules applicable to 24CFR58 and that funds may be not be obligated without a notice of removal of environmental conditions from CDFA

Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:

Name/Title/Organization: Town of Northwood

Authorized Certifying Officer Signature X

Date: 7-11-23

Name/Title: Hal Kreider, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

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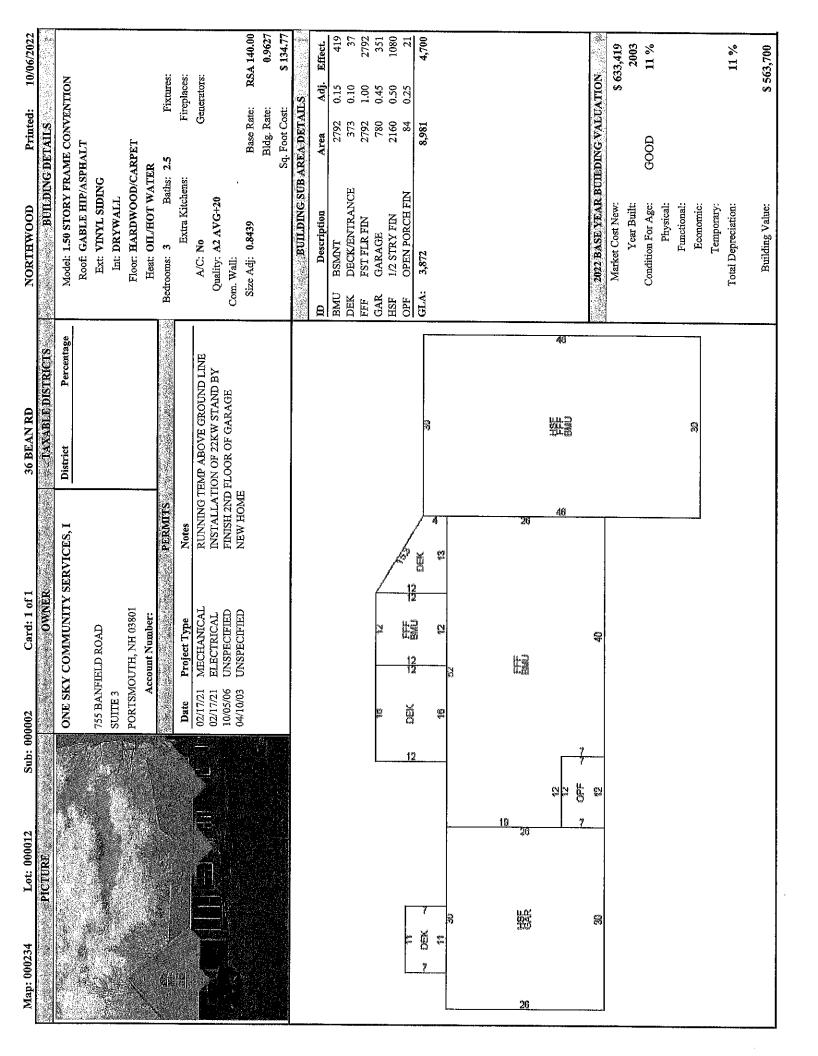
Preparer Name: Donna Lane

Date: 7-6-23

Preparer Signature:

Any costs incurred prior to contract approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) of the State of New Hampshire will be at the risk of the applicant. You <u>may not</u> incur any cost except for those authorized by CDFA prior to release of funds notification. All applicable State and Federal regulations including but not limited to procurement and debarment apply to the activities stated above.

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# EXTENSION OF THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NORTHWOOD. NEW HAMPSHIRE AND COGECO US (NH-ME). LLC. d/b/a BREEZELINE

In its statutory role as Franchising Authority, pursuant to the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the **Town of Northwood**, **New Hampshire** (the "Franchising Authority" or "Town") hereby **extends** the Cable Television Franchise Agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") currently held by **COGECO US (NH-ME)**, **LLC**, **d/b/a Breezeline** (formerly known as Atlantic Broadband (NH-ME), LLC), successor in interest to MetroCast Cablevision of New Hampshire, LLC (the "Franchisee" or "Breezeline"), having originally commenced on June 22, 2000, and then renewed effective January 1, 2014, upon the same terms and conditions contained therein, for a period from 12:01 AM on January 1, 2024 until midnight on December 31, 2024 ("Extension"), or until such time as the Franchise Agreement is renewed for a longer term, whichever occurs sooner.

This extension shall under no circumstances be construed or deemed to be a renewal of the Franchise Agreement under either state or federal law(s) or the terms of said Franchise Agreement. The Town and Breezeline reserve all of their lawful rights pursuant to all applicable state and federal laws.

This extension is subject to the terms and conditions contained in the regulations of the FCC; the Cable communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"); the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act"), as amended, and all Town, state, and federal statutes and by-laws of general application.

Nothing herein shall be construed in any manner whatsoever as a waiver, release or surrender of any rights that the Town and/or Breezeline may have under Section 626 and Section 635 of the 1984 Cable Act with respect to this Extension. The Town and Breezeline expressly reserve all rights under applicable provisions of the 1984 Cable Act, including Section 626 and Section 635.

The Franchising Authority and Breezeline agree to negotiate diligently and in good faith during the Extension period to finalize a long-term agreement.

[NO FURTHER TEXT ON THIS PAGE-SIGNATURE PAGE(S) TO FOLLOW]

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### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Lakes Region Cable TV Consortium Members

From:

Katherine B. Miller, Esq.

Re:

Update on Renewal of Cable TV Franchise With Breezeline and Extension

Date:

June 30, 2023

### **Executive Summary**

This memo provides updates on the renewal negotiations with Breezeline for the franchises held by the ten communities in the Lakes Region Cable TV Consortium ("Consortium"). By way of brief recap, the Members of the Consortium have solicited input from community residents regarding their cable related needs and concerns by means of a survey. The Consortium also propounded extensive audit questions and follow up questions of Breezeline regarding its performance under the current Franchise Agreements. We are now identifying the key elements of the terms for renewal of the cable TV franchises, to develop a template document which will then be customized for each municipality. At this time, we recommend a one-year extension of the current franchises, due to expire December 31, 2023, to allow us the time to complete the negotiations with Breezeline.

### Customer Service Call Center Wait Time Delays

The area of greatest concern among residents, and the greatest deficiency in performance, was the response time for customer service calls to Breezeline's call centers. The time to reach an operator under federal regulations and the terms of the Franchise Agreements is measured in minutes, but many NH customers waited on hold for hours over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on that failure to meet the needs of customers or comply with the terms of the franchises and federal rules, the Members sought to amend the current franchises to add five (5) years to the term, and to continue the current terms (which are relatively favorable to the municipalities), before negotiating renewal franchises. Earlier this year, Breezeline refused and provided reports showing customer call wait times greatly improved for the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023.

### One-Year Extensions

Breezeline counter-proposed Extensions of the current Franchise Agreements for an additional year, until the end of 2024. Given Breezeline's compliance at this time, the Member

representatives concurred that a one-year extension was reasonable. We have identified the items for negotiation with Breezeline, but it will be beneficial for the communities to have the terms of the current Franchise Agreements locked in for another year.

The governing bodies for each Member community will need to vote on the one-year Extension, until December 31, 2024. Enclosed please find an Extension prepared for your community. Kindly please add this to the Agenda for an upcoming meeting of your governing body. Below are some talking points for discussing the Extension at that meeting. If the vote on the Extension passes, kindly please have it signed and return it to our office, for our office to send on to Breezeline. If you would like me to attend a meeting of your governing body, I would be happy to do so.

### Municipal Jurisdiction Over Cable Television

In your public meeting, there may be questions or comments about the cable TV company and the degree of negotiating leverage the municipality has when renewing the Franchise Agreement with Breezeline. Below are some answers to common questions.

- Cable TV Franchise cannot be exclusive. Under federal and state law, a community may
  have more than one cable operator, and several of our communities in the Lakes Region do
  have two cable TV operators. Comcast operates in some, along with Breezeline, and Alton
  has TDS providing cable TV services in part of the town.
- Municipalities cannot negotiate over the internet services or telephone services that Breezeline may provide in our communities. Only the cable television portion of the business is covered by the Franchise Agreement.
- Municipalities cannot negotiate the programming the cable TV company provides, or the prices and tiers of services provided. Cable TV rates are exempt from all regulation by any governmental entity.
- The Members of the Lakes Region Cable TV Consortium are working as a group, as it gives more leverage than negotiating separately. Terms we may negotiate include: the length of the franchise term, the amount of franchise fees paid to the municipality, up to 5% of Breezeline's gross revenue from the operation of the cable TV system in the community, whether there are local access channels, carrying programming from the municipality, and some of the other requirements for service, including the density of homes per mile for extension of the cable system to new areas of a community.

### Conclusion

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Enclosure: Extension of Cable TV Franchise to December 31, 2024

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7 6/10/2021 Bow St. and RT4 Intersection Drainage Issue	Intersection Drainage Issue	High	WJ/CB/DOT	TBA		In process	no DOT assistance, legal action by property owners
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9 6/29/2021 Address Guich Pond Dam DES Notice	ond Darn DES Notice	Medium	WJ/CB	9/1/2021	78D		address letter of recommendations from DES
11 4/13/2021 Organize a Conference of Committees	erence of Committees	Medium	WJ/BoS	Apr-22	TBD		organize a meeting of all boards and committees to discuss mission, etc.
13 1/5/2021 Review of Town	Review of Town Policies and Ordinances	Medium	BoS/WJ	9/1/2021	on going	in process	review during each BoS meetings beginning 03/15/2021 until complete
1/15/2021	Cable TV Franchise Agreement Renewal Process	wol	WJ/Bos/Atlantic	12/31/2023	12/31/2024	in process	discussions ongoing with Breezeline to extend existing agreement
	12/14/2021 Investigate Street Lights for Rt. 4 Intersections	rgi.H	ſM	1/31/2022	TBA		Contact Eversource for Information and rost pending 8t4 safety comm
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19 1/15/2022 Investigate Solar	1/15/2022 Investigate Solar Array Options on Town Property	Medium	ſM.	3/1/2022	TBD	in process	See options to lease land to solar generating company
	2/3/2022 Options/Solutions for Police and Fire Facilities	Medium	WJ/BoS/JS/SFC	9/1/2022	12/31/2023	in process	determine options for Improvements or replacement of PD and Narrows FD
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23 3/15/2022 Improve Communications to Citizens 24	incations to Citizens	High	WJ/BoS	4/26/2022	8/15/2023	in process	look at contract for regular/monthly newsletter, video presentations, etc.
25 8/9/2022 Organize Community Garden interests	unity Garden interests	Medium	wi/sB/CB/vD	3/1/2023		on hold	organize community for 2023 growing season
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2/ 12/22/2022 Develop Commur 28	12/22/2022 Develop Communications Newsletter with Vendor	Medium	WJ/HK	2/1/2023	10/1/2023	in process	working with consultant on setup and weekly production.
29 12/8/2022 Upgrade Town Meeting Room Sound System	eeting Room Sound System	High	W	1/15/2023	8/1/2023	in process	waiting quotes for upgrading mics and video system
Ш	3/1/2023 Address Issues with Transfer Station from DES	high	WJ/CB	4/25/2023	TBD	in process	address letter of concerns from NHDES, Permtting Closurer Plan etc.
33 3/1/2023 Address NHDES Iss 34	3/1/2023 Address NHDES Issues with Septage Lagoon System	HgH	WJ/CB	4/15/2023	9/1/2023	in process	address letter of concern from DES, evaluate closing the facility vs. improving
	5/9/2023 Evaluate town hall meeting layout and redesign	high	WJ/BoS	7/1/2023	8/1/2023	in process	seek consultant to design new layout for users and public participation
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37 5/9/2023 Review and Upda 38	5/9/2023 Review and Update All position Descriptions	Medium	TA/FD	9/1/2023		in process	Confirm latest version signed and on file with Finance Director
39 5/9/2023 Resume scanning files in all departments	g files in all departments	Medium	Dept Heads	10/1/2023			connect with RPC for use of scanners
	5/9/2023 Review paved road plan inventory for completeness	Medium	TA/CB/RPC	7/1/2023	8/1/2023	in process	determine what roads are missing from the plan list and update
43 7/7/2023 Remove Former Center School Building	enter School Building	High	WJ/CB/BOS	9/1/2023			raze or sell to be taken off Town property
45 7/7/2023 Installation of Gen	7/7/2023 Installation of Generator Installation at Elem. School	Medium	WI/BY/BOS/SB	TBD			bending final grant approval and availability of generator and propage gas
	session minutes for release	High	WJ/BOS	8/1/2023			WJ to review for recommendation to Board
48 1/24/2023 Review Culvert Matter on Ridge Road 49	latter on Ridge Road	high	WI/CB/BOS	4/15/2023	4/25/2023	Complete	site visit and review engineers report from land owner
50 1/11/2022 Spruce Up Town Hall	Hall	High	WJ/HK/BB/TC	2/15/2022	4/28/2023	Complete	remove unwanted furnture and equip,, paint, window coverings
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52 1/25/2021 Update Wage Scale	316	High	WJ/BoS/CE	4/15/2021	2/28/2023	Complete	Update wage Grade and Step scale
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2 2	8/4/2021	8/4/2021 Develop MOU with School for Emergency Shelter	Medium	WJ/BY/BoS	10/1/2021	2/14/2023	Complete	work w/school admin and EMD to develop MOU for emergency shelter
82 23	3/15/2022	3/15/2022 Install New Message Sign for Town Hall Site	High	WJ/CB/BoS	4/26/2022	1/20/2023	Complete	sign ordered 7/15 9 - 10 weeks delivery, town does electrical
8	9/15/2022	9/15/2022 Conduct Surplus Equipment Sale	High	WJ/CB	11/1/2022		Complete	Organize public auction for surplus equipment sale
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<b>8</b>	7/12/2022	7/12/2022 Coordinate new venue for elections other than school	High	WI/BOS	8/9/2022		Complete	re-establish use of parish hall for all elections
3 2	5/7/2021	5/7/2021 Investigate Harvey Lake Dam Ownership	High	I/M	6/15/2021	9/1/2021	Complete	determine ownership, address DES findings of 01/2020
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88	8/4/2021	8/4/2021 Coordinate Public Auction with Auctioneer	High	WJ/BoS/Staff	10/16/2021		Complete	Auction date 10/16/21, location TBD
2 6	8/4/2021	8/4/2021 Begin FY22 Budget Preparation Process	High	WJ/CE/Staff	9/13/2021		Complete	Issue package to department heads requesting line item hudget detail
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72	8/10/2021	8/10/2021 Public Hearing Regarding Ambulance Rates Increase	High	WJ/BoS/MT	8/24/2021		Complete	
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8 E	8/24/2021	8/24/2021 Deliver I A FY22 Budget to BoS	High	WJ/CE/DHeads	10/12/2021		Complete	
80	1/15/2021	Update and Improve Town Website	Medium	WJ/BoS/Staff	8/1/2021	9/15/2021	Complete	meeting scheduled with host/design company on 4/29
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83 82	8/24/2021	8/24/2021; Department Head Budget Presentations to BOS	High	DHs/WJ/CE	See notes		Complete	Two sessions: 10/19 worksession & 10/26, 11/2 wrap up
	8/24/2021	8/24/2021 Deliver BOS Budget to LS for distribution to BC	High	WJ/CE	11/18/2021		Complete	Budget Info packets to BC
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& &	7/4/7071	2/4/2021 Complete New Koad Surface Management System	High	WJ/CB/SCRPC	17/27/2021		Complete	process to begin in late spring/summer, kickoff meeting on 7/20
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8 5	0/19/2021	10/19/2021 Implement Transition to New Finance Software	High	CE/WJ/MTS	10/15/2021	12/15/2021	Complete	begin transfering data from ProFund to MTS
_	0/19/2021	10/19/2021 Go "Live" with New Finance Software	High	CE/WJ/MTS	12/15/2021	1/1/2022	Complete	run redundant programs prior to full change over
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$oxed{oxed}$	9/28/2021	9/28/2021 Public Hearing for Use of ARPA funds	High	WJ/BoS	5/10/2022	5/24/2022	Complete	Seeking public input on how to use these unanticipated funds.
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