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Town Of Sutton
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes

Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk on 10/30/2018 by a vote of 4-0-1

(Vice Chair Hall abstains- absent from 10/16/18 meeting)

7:00 p.m. – October 16, 2018
Sutton Town Hall, Meeting Room 1A

Members in Attendance:

Chairman John L. Hebert, Clerk Wendy Mead & Selectmen Jesse Limanek & Jonathan Anderson (Vice Chair Hall absent)
Town Manager James Smith & Deb Jacques, secretary

Public Forum: N/A

Selectman Limanek motions to accept as presented the 10/01/2018 meeting minutes, Selectman Mead 2nds passes 3-1-0
(Selectman Anderson abstains, newly elected position)

Selectman Anderson steps down from BOS as he is a direct abutter to this property.

Public Hearing: Selectman Mead reads the Public Notice as advertised in the September 6, 2018 Millbury Sutton Chronicle. Attorney Chacharone is present. Town Manager Smith informs the BOS this was before the board previously but the sale had fallen through. The town still does not feel this should be purchased for town use. Hearing no issues, Selectman Limanek motions to close the public hearing, Selectman Mead seconds passes 3-0. Selectman Limanek motions to not exercise the town's options under MGL Chapter 61A for property located at 179 Eight lots Road, Map #28 Parcel 48 - 2.81 acres, Selectman Mead seconds passes 3-0

Public Hearing: Pole Hearing – Pleasant Valley road. Present is Engineer for NGRID Mel Harvey. Selectman Wendy Mead reads the notice as published in the September 27, 2018 Millbury Sutton Chronicle and says Police, Fire & Highway have all signed off with no issues. Mr. Harvey states there are some discrepancies with this notice as some of the information is from a job in Charlton. The BOS all agree to postpone this hearing and re advertise the correct information.

Cultural Council: present tonight is Norma Baker of 10 Burbank Road and Christine Beauvais of 34 Armsby Road both requesting appointments. Norma addresses the BOS and says she knows the Cultural Council is shorthanded and feels this is her civic duty to help out. She feels they do an awesome job. Christine would like to contribute to the community and feels this is a good fit for her. The BOS all offer their thanks to volunteering. Selectman Limanek motions to appoint Norma Baker and Christine Beauvais to the Cultural Council for 3 year terms (6/30/2021) Selectman Mead seconds passes 4-0

Planning Board Appointment: Town Manager Smith states with the election of Jonathan Anderson to the BOS a vacancy has occurred on the Planning Board. Jim is recommending Wally Baker be moved from alternate member to a full member. Selectman Limanek says Wally is a phenomenal individual and fully supports the appointment. Selectman Mead says Wally is a great asset and serves the town with integrity. Selectman Anderson has worked with Wally for a few years and says he is very dedicated and attended all the meetings. He is a stand up person. Chairman Hebert says this is why it is a plus to have alternate positions on boards. Selectman Limanek motions to appoint Wally Baker from alternate member to a full voting member on the Planning Board with a term to expire May 2019 Selectman Anderson seconds passes 4-0

Approve & sign the Fall Election Warrant: hearing no discussion, Selectman Limanek motions to approve and sign the November 2018 Election Warrant Selectman Mead seconds passes 4-0

Fire Dept Update: Fire Chief Matt Belsito is before the Board tonight to update the board on the day to day in the Fire Dept. Chief Belsito has a 33 + year career in Fire services beginning in Millbury and coming to Sutton in 2012. Currently there are 4 full time firefighters and 30+ call fire fighters; 98% of the calls are during the work day and are usually handled by the 4 full time employees. This Dept. is on call 24/7 year round. He is also the Chairman of MASS Fire District 7. Currently there are 5 Sutton Fire Dept members that are part of the elite Tech rescue with District 7. Chief Belsito reviews with the BOS what makes his dept. top notch including trainings and certifications that are now required to be on the Fire Dept. Many hours of training and certifications are required. The Chief is present at all trainings and uses the phrase "lead by example". The hours involved in training are over 1800 man hours yearly for each firefighter. Matt states we have a rock solid team of firefighters. Currently two of the full time firefighters Renee Roy and Jeff Briggs are becoming CPR Instructor certified. Chief Belsito would like to offer CPR training to the community. Chief Belsito is always applying for grants to offset the expense of training but they are not easy to come by. Also within the Fire Dept is the Explorer Post for 14-48 year olds interested in Fire services. The Fire Dept offices will be transitioning to the current Police Dept. offices. This will help as it is handicap accessible and the backup dispatch console will be kept there and overseen by the Fire Dept. Some of the larger projects being worked on now are the ongoing projects at Galaxy Pass, Primetals and the Opioid project. Recent promotions within the dept. were Shawn Courtney and Jake Nunnemacher to District Chiefs; Neil Ford and Jeff Briggs to Captains and in the near future Lieutenants in stations one and three. Matt ends his update by notifying the BOS that as of February 2019 MA will be an OSHA state. This will require much more training. Anticipated for the May 2019 Town Meeting, Chief Belsito will be asking to replace Engine 3. Selectman Limanek asks the hours needed to become a volunteer firefighter, Chief Belsito says 294+. Jesse goes on to say when you see the fire fighters out in the community they look the part and they speak of Chief Belsito with admiration and say he is a phenomenal leader. Jesse asks if money was no object what you would like to see, Chief Belsito responds a new Fire Headquarters. When they have training there are 38+ individuals and they have to use the school to accommodate the group. Chief goes on to say he had included a Fire Dept. assessment in the 5 year capital plan. Selectman Mead says wow, great presentation and such an auspicious career. Wendy states she worked with Chief Belsito on the new school project, she says he is incredibly dedicated and can say nothing went overlooked for safety. Selectman Anderson says he appreciates the report and the Chiefs dedication to the town. Jonathan states he is blown away by the amount of training, as well as the call firefighters, your dept. definitely has a passion to serve. To see the dept out in the community you see the brotherhood/family under your leadership. Jonathan also appreciates the outreach and education programs for the community. Chairman Hebert tells Chief Belsito he is unbelievable. We are happy to have you. We appreciate your efforts and when you say you lead by example that is very true.

Town Managers Update:

- Town Managers evaluation- scheduled for the Oct. 30th meeting
- Marions Camp cookout scheduled for Sat. Oct 20 from 11-3. Rehab of Goddard lodge also wrapping up
- Over 55 proposed development- WDA Design Group is planning on construction in the spring west of Rt 146 on Armsby Rd with approx. 110 units.
- 10th annual Town Golf Tournament was held on Oct. 5th. \$2200.00 was raised for the Mike Chizy food Pantry.
- Grand opening of the Blackstone Heritage Corridor visitor's center Sat. Oct. 27th. Jim and John toured earlier today.

Announcements/Round Table:

Selectman Limanek congratulates newly elected BOS Jonathan Anderson, Jesse also thanks all the volunteers as well as those that attended Waters Farm days. Fire Safety night was a great success. Jesse reads the needs of the Food Pantry.

Selectman Mead says Waters farm was damp but enjoyable. The Chain of Lights will be here soon, the new Police Station will be one of the stops. You will not be able to go inside and tour but there will be some other things planned. The Chain of lights committee are looking for volunteers.

Selectman Anderson says he is excited to be on the Board of Selectmen and working with his colleagues to continue to serve the town and promoting growth in the town.

Selectman Limanek motions to adjourn, Selectman Mead seconds passes 4-0 meeting adjourned 8:05 pm

