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Town Of Sutton  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes

**Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk on 12/18/2018 by a vote of 5-0**

7:00 p.m. – December 04, 2018  
Sutton Town Hall, Meeting Room 1A

**Members in Attendance:**

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

Chairman Hebert calls for a moment of silence for Arthur Joseph Remillard Jr. who passed away recently. Mr. Remillard made many generous donations to the Town of Sutton.

**Public Forum:** N/A

Selectman Limanek motions to approve as presented November 13, 2018 meeting minutes, Selectman Mead seconds passes 5-0

Public Hearing\*\* Pole Hearing West Sutton Road: present is Engineer for NGRID Mel Harvey. Selectman Mead reads the Public notice as advertised in the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Millbury Sutton Chronicle. Mr. Harvey states it is as read, two poles will be moved (the old ones removed) to allow the state to work on the dam and culvert. Selectman Limanek has no issues, Police, Fire and Highway have signed off on. Hearing no further discussions Selectman Limanek motions to close the public hearing, Vice Chair Hall seconds passes 5-0. Selectman Limanek motions to approve pole hearing #26801467 from NGRID as advertised in the November 15, 2018 Millbury Sutton Chronicle, Selectman Anderson seconds passes 5-0

MRA Sport update: present is Alex Rogozinski. Alex begins by thanking the town, police and fire for support. This year there was only one race in town, the Summer solstice. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> year with just a little under 200 that participated. Alex presents a check for \$600.00 to the Sutton Food Pantry as well as \$975.00 to the Town of Sutton. The 2<sup>nd</sup> race which was held previously was cancelled due to lack of applicants. Vice Chair Hall says he is disappointed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> race was cancelled and asks if they are satisfied with the facility, is there something we as a community can do. Alex states he is happy with the facility but the 2<sup>nd</sup> race is more expensive due to the length of road (25 miles) and having less participants is not good. Selectman Limanek asks if a change in the date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> race would help. Alex replies no, they tried changing the date from August to mid-September but it did not matter. Alex will stick with just one race in the coming year, the Summer Solstice. Selectman Mead thanks Alex for the incredible event he holds, Wendy encourages the community to come out and support. Chairman Hebert thanks Alex for his respect of the camp area, what you do speaks volumes. You treat the town like your own. Alex states the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Solstice will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, Town Manager Smith says all the necessary forms will be in place prior to the event.

2019 License renewals: Town Manager Smith states all renewal paper work and inspections are in order. Selectman Mead reads the list of renewals. The Selectmen all agree they appreciate that all the businesses responded in a timely fashion with the renewals. Selectman Limanek motions to approve as read the 2019 License Renewals in the Town of Sutton, Selectman Anderson second's passes 5-0

**Town Managers Update:**

- Tax rate setting process- after some recalculation, the tax rate went down an additional \$.01 so instead of \$16.53 it is now \$16.52. the BOS already signed the LA5 certification.

- Board of Health smoking regulations: the Sutton BOH has voted in conjunction with the state to restrict the sale of tobacco and nicotine to anyone under 21. This law will be effective January 1, 2019.
- MassWorks Infrastructure program- held on Nov. 27 @ 3pm. The Liet. Gov presented \$2,250,000. For the installation of a gas line to service Primemetals and Gilmore Drive. Special thanks to Jen Hager for all her work on this project. Town Manager Smith thinks Jens Title should be changed to Planning Director/Economic Development.
- Road Improvements on Dudley, Marble and Harback are almost completed. The cost was \$325,425. And \$9,000. In Police Detail costs. 6500 linear feet or 1.2 miles were reconstructed. Matt Stencil is now looking at Central Tpk from Fuller Road to 146 for repaving. The Approx. cost is \$650,000.
- Town Hall Christmas luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at noon. The Town Hall will be closed from 11:45 until approx. 12:45.
- Jingle Jaunt- the Jingle Jaunt 5K road race will be held on Sat. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Thank you to Howard Bottomly for continuing this tradition.
- Chain of Lights update: it was another great event but there was one issue. Whittier farm had a beer cart serving samples at the entrance to the farm store. There had been previous correspondence with a State lic caterer William Fuller and due to the necessary license for the one day event they decided to not go forward. Purgatory Brewery were there instead without the required approval. We contacted the ABCC and in addition to the one day required license, they should have been cordoned off in a separate area as well as samples cannot be free. They must charge something. In speaking to Wayne Whittier, they were not aware of the requirements. Town Manager Smith states Purgatory Brewery holds the most responsibility for this. The chain of lights committee were contacted and would like to come before the Selectmen at a meeting in January to discuss going forward what the BOS would like.
  - Vice Chair Hall is disappointed about the issue at Whittier's, rules are in place for a reason, rules were ignored in this case. We had no opportunity to weigh in on this as a board. This needs to be discussed publically. Dave says
  - in his opinion the Chain of Lights is not a place for alcohol to be served. It is a family event.
  - Selectman Limanek spoke to Wayne Whittier and felt there was miscommunication between Purgatory Brewery and Wayne and it falls more on the brewery as well as the Chain of Lights Committee. This is a family event, there are always people trying to reinvent the wheel but we do not need alcohol, this event is for families and children. There is a time and place for alcohol, not at the chain of Lights.
  - Selectman Mead says the Chain of Lights is one of the events she and her family look forward to every year. Wendy feels alcohol is not necessary at a holiday family event.
  - Selectman Anderson says he was very disappointed to have this issue come up. Jonathan would consider support of a local brewery if the necessary licenses were obtained.
  - Chairman Hebert was very disappointed to hear that the cart was set up right by the entrance of the store. John is 1 of 5 signatures needed for a one day license, everyone needs to follow our procedures, tip certified, cordoned off area, id's checked. A lot of the blame falls on Purgatory Brewery but the Whittier's are also at fault. The original request from William Fuller, once he was educated on the need for a One Day license saw there was not enough time to go before the BOS and he withdrew the request. Then Purgatory Brewery came in last minute, they gave free samples that were over the 2oz limit under MGL 138 everyone in the state has to comply with, they did not. They did not have an area set aside for this, they did not check id's and they did not have the one day license. Chairman Hebert says he is looking forward to meeting with the Chain of Lights Committee in January. We strive for perfection, the Chain of Lights is a family affair, to have alcohol at this is not the message we want to portray. And to go further, the Lions Club always set up there, the funds they would raise went to the town as well as to aid eye research. They were asked to leave Whittier Farm and go to Manchaug for the Chain of Lights and the Whitter stop provided food trucks. This is Sutton we want to support our own, not vendors from out of town. What if all the trolley stops would like alcohol, we need to look at this as a board.

#### Announcements/Round Table:

- Vice Chair Hall says he is a little unsure of the mandated age of 21 for smoking, this is a little of an overreach but we as a town decided to follow what the State has put before each town.
- Selectman Limanek says Happy Hanukah, Jesse thanks all involved with the Chain of Lights as well as the wonderful donations made by St. Marks and the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational church to the Food Pantry for Thanksgiving.
- Selectman Mead says the annual Chain of Lights is one of the best days of the year. Wendy mentions the Sutton Police looking for donations for elderly. You can look on the Police facebook page for more information.
- Selectman Anderson says he is happy we have the annual Chain of Lights, he encourages families to start the tradition

Selectman Limanek motions to adjourn, Selectman Mead seconds passes 5-0 meeting adjourned 7:58 pm



