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Meeting Minutes

Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk 6/20/2023 a roll call vote of 5-0

6:00 p.m. – June 6, 2023

Roll Call vote taken:

Members in Attendance in person:

Chairperson Jeff Bannon, Vice Chair Jonathan Anderson, Clerk David Hall, Select members Jesse Limanek & Normand Champigny. Chairperson Bannon welcomes newly elected Select person Normand Champigny.

Also in attendance in person: Town Manager James Smith, Town accountant Tim Harrison & Deb Jacques, secretary
Chairperson Bannon recites the Hybrid Opening Statement which went in to effect March 29, 2023

Public Forum – N/A

Select person Hall motions to accept as presented the May 16, 2023 Select Board meeting minutes Select Person Limanek seconds passes 4-0-1 with roll call vote (Select person Champigny abstains- not on board at that time).

Select board reorganization: Chairperson Bannon informs the public this is the annual reorganization of the board- the following motions are made- Select person Hall motions to nominate Jonathan Anderson as Chairperson of the Sutton Select Board- Select person Limanek seconds passes 5-0 roll call vote taken. Select person Limanek motions to nominate David Hall as Vice Chair of the Sutton Select Board, Chairperson Anderson seconds passes 5-0- roll call vote taken. Chairperson Anderson motions to nominate Jesse Limanek as Clerk of the Sutton Select Board, Vice Chair Hall seconds passes 5-0 roll call vote taken. The board at this time move to their new seats.

****Public Hearing**** Pole Hearing 183 Eight Lots Road- Select person Limanek reads into record the public notice as printed in the May 18, 2023 Millbury Sutton Chronicle. Rob Greene representing NGrid has zoomed in to answer any questions. Vice Chair Hall states Police, Fire and Highway have all signed off- he has no questions. Select members Limanek and Bannon have no questions, Select person Champigny viewed the location, he feels it is well executed, Chairperson Anderson has no issues. Select person Limanek motions to close the Public Hearing Select person Bannon seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote. Select person Limanek motions to approve pole hearing #30729013 from NGrid & Verizon for 183 Eightlots Road as advertised in the May 18, 2023 Millbury Sutton Chronicle, Select person Bannon seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote.

Final Presentation of the MVP Grant for Manchaug Water Resource Resiliency Action Plan- present is the Town Planning and Economic development director Jen Hager along with representative from Pare Corp. Matt Dunne. Jen Hager takes this time to thank the MVP Team that took part in this project- also noted were the in-person meetings that were held: Nov. 17, 2022, a site visit Dec. 6th 2022, March 16, 2023 and April 27, 2023. This report can be found on the Planning Boards web page. At this time Matt Dunne gives a brief powerpoint presentation outlining the project, phases & public involvement. Matt explains this study included hydrologic and hydraulic models and flood damage assessments and the potential improvements to reduce flood damage. There are 4 phases: The Resiliency Action Plan for Mumford River, a Specific focus on issues of the river flooding the Manchaug Village and a master plan prioritizing and seeking funding. Town Planner Jen Hager states solutions for this study could cost between 40- 77 million but there are grants available for specific projects. Jen requests comments back by June 14th from the Select Board. Vice Chair Hall says there was a powerhouse team behind this- this is a super comprehensive report. Dave asks about challenges of funding- these issues have been around since the mills were built- many of the noted issues are not unique to Sutton. Select person Limanek says great job- says he has heard about the waterways plugged with debris – 40-77 million is a lot of money- we must be very selective in prioritizing and we do not have full jurisdiction of Putnam Hill Road- would we have the states approval. Select Person Bannon says this report has a

lot of detail- Jeff asks if Jen feels the report responses such as sump pumps and FEMA funds are for residents to utilize as well- Jen replies yes- we will go to FEMA along with the resident to see funding available. Select person Champigny says what comes to mind is water is the common enemy and the corrective actions are to appease everyone- Normand says 10 years from now- as new structures are being developed looking several years back with lack of zoning and building codes causing some of the issues today- as new buildings are being built with different elevations and the area grows will this impact the future? Matt replies it is predominantly undeveloped water shed- as the areas get developed the hydrologic perimeters will change unless there are measures in place for that development. Normand asks what is the zoning area that can't be built vs what can be built- what is the ratio- Jen replies the entire village is zoned rural residential- there are no areas in zoning that are no building allowed but if there are wetlands the Conservation commission would review. Chairperson Anderson says this is very comprehensive and it is important to have a plan- this gives us something to start with. The debris in the water and the beaver dam's stand-out- is there something we can do to get the residents involved. Jen replies the Manchaug Water Foundation along with Blackstone Watershed collaborative already have structures in place to help with the debris. We are hoping to continue to work with these groups and develop our own local structures. After further discussion the board thanks Jen and Matt for their presentation.

Town Manager Update:

- Wilkinsonville Sewer project- bid opening was May 18, 2023- The low bidder was Riccardo Brothers out of Worc. with a bid of \$4,089,526. The next lowest bidder was JA Polite with a bid price of \$4,714,868. Tighe & Bond will be paid for bidding/construction admin. \$528,000. The total for this project is \$5.8 million- we will use ARPA funds towards this.
- Annual Goals Meeting- The board agrees Tuesday July 25th works well for the entire board.
- Letter of Support One Stop grant- the Town of Millbury asked Sutton to submit a letter for a one stop grant for engineering & design to bring water and sewer for the development of sites across route 146. Chairperson Bannon signed the letter. There are a few potential developable parcels- in Sutton the parcel south of John Road is owned by GFI Partners- they are looking at potential apartment housing which would help us meet our MBTA guidelines.
- Fireworks- a follow up meeting with Tom Fournier was held on May 23rd. The fireworks will take place on Monday June 26th at 9:15. There will be no food or entertainment.
- Five year forecast- Tim Harrison and Jim will present the five-year forecast at the next Select Board meeting.

Announcement's / Round Table:

Vice Chair Hall attended the Memorial Day ceremonies at the cemeteries- thankyou to Jesse for organizing- thankyou also to Jim McGovern for attending our parade. Dave says the flags on the common look great thankyou to the American legion riders. Coffee with cows held this past weekend was fun. Dave welcomes Normand to the board and thanks Jeff for his leadership as Chair this past year and congratulations to Jonathan as new Chair.

Select person Limanek thanked Deb, Pam and Christine for Memorial Day parade assistance- Jesse said the veterans that attended appreciated the event Thankyou also to the residents for showing their support. Jesse is looking at adding Pigeon Hill Cemetery to the stops next year. Jesse also attended Coffee with cows. Today is the 79th Anniversary of D-Day. The Food Pantry needs were read.

Select person Bannon offers his thanks to Jesse for organizing Memorial Day ceremonies.

Select person Champigny says it was a pleasure marching in the Memorial Day parade – Normand loves the flags on the poles in the center this time of year- he would like to see them up for a longer period of time. Normand also attended Coffee with Cows.

Chairperson Anderson thanks Jeff for his leadership this past year and welcomes Normand to the board, Jonathan thanks Jesse for the Memorial Day events- he is always happy to see people line the streets.

Select person Limanek motions to adjourn, select person Bannon 2nds- Roll Call vote taken- passes 5-0

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm