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Town of Sutton
Select Board

Meeting Minutes

Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk 11/7/2023 with a roll call vote of 5-0

6:00 p.m. – October 24, 2023

Roll Call vote taken:

Members in Attendance in person:

Chairperson Jonathan Anderson, Vice Chair David Hall, Clerk Jesse Limanek, Select members Jeffrey Bannon & Normand Champigny

Also attending in person: Town Manager James Smith, Town Accountant Tim Harrison & Deb Jacques, secretary

Public Forum – N/A

Vice Chair Hall motions to accept as presented the October 10, 2023 Select Board meeting minutes Select Person Bannon seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote

“Oh My Gourd” Halloween update- April Brown 32 Burbank Road is present to discuss- she says this is the 3rd annual Oh My Gourd event- it is scheduled for this Sat. Oct. 28th. In addition to the pumpkin contest and entertainment by the Witches of Sutton they have added a scarecrow contest. The Lions Club will be selling food on the common as well as pumpkin pies by the center bakery. Also to be held the same night will be Trunk or Treat at the school. For additional information or to donate please log on to www.thesuttonfourth.org. April says this is just a way to bring the community together- all items will be off the common by Nov. 2nd. April also informs the board the date has been set for the 4th parade- it will be Saturday June 29th. Vice Chair Hall says this seems to be more robust than last year- Dave says he hopes this is not as much work as the 4th of July parade. April replies no it definitely is not as much work. Select person Limanek says this sounds like it will be a fun dynamic event- he likes how it is tied in to Trunk or Treat. Select person Bannon says this is more extensive than he expected. Select person Champigny says thank you for your time and bringing the town together. Chairperson Anderson offers his thanks to April for coming before the board as well as all the commitment she puts into these events.

2024 Select Board meeting schedule: Town Manager Smith says the only dates we are unsure of is in September as the State has not yet posted the date for the State Primary.

Town Manager Update:

- Town Hall Septic- bid opening took place on 10/19/23- there were 7 bidders- Peter Amorello Construction was the low bidder at \$405,585.00 for the base bid and alternates 1&2 brought the price to around \$566,000. This will be paid out of ARPA funds.
- Free Cash certification – MA DOR recently certified the free cash at \$3,564,421. Inspectional services were a big help at \$618,698. In part to building 3 permits at Unified.
- American Legion Park grant award- we received a \$218,932. Land and Water Conservation grant- this is federal funds dispersed by the state. This will provide updated playground for toddlers to teens, new basketball & softball fencing as well as a pervious parking area. The lead on this is Jen Hager along with volunteers by Sutton Recreational Resources.
- MA. is reaching capacity with migrant families- Gov. Healy announced the state will stop increasing the number of families located in the right to shelter areas. Currently there are 7000 families- they will max out at 7500 families by the end of Oct 2023.

- Thank you to Longueview Farm for donating time and material at the softball field at American Legion Park in Manchaug. They cleaned up the field and put roofs on the dugouts. They also donated equipment cubbies for the dugouts.
- In a follow up to items at Public Output- Information sign in front of Town Hall – May 23 Town meeting approved internally illuminated signs for town and nonprofits. This will be a capital item for next year's budget. Highway Superintendent Matt Stencel plans on putting fog lines down at various troublesome intersections around Leland Hill Estates & Lincoln Road in the spring. No parking on Uxbridge Road adjacent to the common- there will not be no parking signs- this issue was dealt with 8 years ago when the goal was to provide parallel parking. The land was surveyed and was in the road layout but several Historical members voiced concern so it did not move forward. The Select Board all agree this is a challenging issue and would like to revisit.

Announcement's / Round Table:

- Select person Limanek reads the list of items needed for the Food Pantry. Jesse also announces Sun. Oct 29th there will be a fund raiser at the Dudley Gendron (Locals for Lukas) with proceeds going to the Fire Dept. for another Lukas device. The function side of the hall will be for families with movies and food. The Eagle Scouts will assist in overseeing the children. Please remember when out driving in the morning there are children waiting for school buses as well as this coming Tuesday is Halloween- drive safe. Please educate your children on proper way to walk along the road- walk towards oncoming traffic.
- Select person Champigny wishes all a safe Halloween

Chairperson Anderson motions to enter into Executive Session – MGL c.30A sec 21 #3 – with the sole purpose of reentering open meeting for adjournment only – Select person Hall moves to enter in to Executive Session- Select person Limanek seconds passes 5-0
Roll call vote

Enter into Executive Session at 7:20pm

Enter back into regular session- 8:23 pm

Select person Limanek motions to adjourn, Vice Chair Hall 2nds- Roll Call vote taken- passes 5-0

Meeting adjourned 8:23pm