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Town of Sutton
Select Board

Meeting Minutes
Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk 2/6/2024 with a roll call vote of 4-0-1
Vice Chair Hall absent from 1/16/24 meeting

6:00 p.m. – January 16, 2024

Roll Call vote taken:

Members in Attendance in person:

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

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

Public Forum –

John Belculfine 75 Leland Hill Road- asked for an update on Leland Hill Road and the current work being performed by the Insurance Company due to damage when a truck flipped over in the area. Town Manager Smith updates him on the process going on at this location as well as the town will be applying for a grant to repair the box culvert at that location as well as possibility of guard rails. Also mentioned are the speed lights at Uxbridge and Central Tpk. that are not working- the hanging blinking light was better it could be seen from the different directions. The intersection of Dakin, Pierce and Leland Hill Road have yield signs- there should be stop signs. On Hartness Road there was a guard rail at a culvert- the guard rail has been down for a while now.

Select person Limanek motions to accept as presented the January 2, 2024 Select Board meeting minutes Select Person Bannon seconds passes 4-0 with roll call vote

Public Hearing for 27 Worc. Prov. Tpk cancelled by applicant

Price Chopper dba Market 32- Change in manager & change of officers/directors - Liquor license- on Zoom is Atty. Gene Richard. Atty Richard states these are not operational changes. Hearing no questions/concerns- Select person Limanek motions to approve the request from Price Chopper dba Market 32 located at 21 Galaxy Pass - Liquor License# 00026-PK-1254: changes to Officers/Directors and Change of Manager from James Carlson to Timothy Darwell, Select person Champigny seconds passes 4-0 with roll call vote.

Sign APR approval for 226 Putnam Hill Road- Whittier Farms Inc & Consent to Reduction of notice period. Town Manager Smith says this APR was approved at the Fall 2023 Town Meeting- the State is also requesting from the town a reduction of the 120-day notice period to a 60-day notice period. At this time Select person Limanek reads into record the Confirmation of Notice and Reduction Period. The board take this time to support this as a way to preserve land and thank the residents for the approval with their Town Meeting vote. Select person Bannon motions to sign the APR (Agricultural Preservation Restriction) as approved at the annual Fall Town Meeting held on October 16, 2023 for 226 Putnam Hill Road (75.57 acres) owned by Whittier Farms, Inc. and to approve the Consent to Reduction of Notice Period from the 120-day notice period to a 60-day notice period Select person Champigny seconds passes 4-0 with roll call vote

Historical Commission Associate member appointment- James Stevenson- 65 Mendon Road (present)- Town Manager Jim Smith says Keith Downer stepped down from this board with 25+ years of service- Mark Brown current Associate member will be moved up and Jim Stevenson will be an Associate member. Jim Stevenson says he is a 3rd generation Stevenson that has lived in this town most of his life. Select person Limanek offers his thanks to Jim for volunteering, Select person Bannon recognizes Keith Downer and his years of service, Select person Champigny asks about the number of members on the board (5 members and 1 associate) Chairperson Anderson thanks Jim and his family that volunteer as well as a thank you to Keith Downer- Jonathan says this board protects our historical assets. Select person Champigny motions to approve the appointment of James Stevenson to the Associate position on the Historical

Commission Select person Bannon seconds passes 4-0 with roll call vote. Select person Champigny motions to move Mark Brown from the current Associate position to full member to fill the vacancy left by Keith Downer with a term to expire June 30, 2024 Select person Bannon seconds passes 4-0 with roll call vote

Town Manager Update:

- Municibid items to be auctioned off beginning 1/22/24- will post in the 1/18/24 Millbury Sutton Chronicle
- State Champion signs at Sutton High School- Highway Superintendent Matt Stencel installed a State Championship sign along with assistance from Athletic Director Rich Levansavich on location.
- New cameras in the Wally Johnson meeting room- the cable dept installed 4 new cameras in room 1A- the cost was \$10,000.00 and paid out of the public access fees charged to the cable companies. The upgrade will provide greater flexibility as well as better picture. Thankyou to Pam and Christine.
- FY2025 preliminary budget presentation will take place Tuesday Feb 20th.

Announcement's / Round Table:

Select person Limanek updates all on the fundraiser at the Dudley Gendron for the Lukis machine- in regards to the Penny wars- the sons came in 3rd place- the Auxiliary raised \$800.00 for a total raised of \$1700.00 for this event. The current amount raised so far is \$14,000. towards a \$40,000. goal. Jesse also offers a thank you to Sutton Highway for the work today during the storm- there will be ice in the morning so take it slow.

Chairperson Anderson acknowledges the situation regarding silt washing into Manchaug Pond from the Solar project in Douglas on Oak Street. Sutton Conservation is involved with this issue. Town Manager Smith has had discussion with the Douglas Town Manager and Matt Stencel is aware of this issue as it is important we protect our water resource. Select person Champigny viewed the site earlier today and spoke to Sutton Conservation chair Bill Wence- Normand asked if there is a site plan- Bill is checking on this- Normand states this has to be fixed asap. Select person Limanek says we have no domain of authority over this- Jim Smith states our Conservation Commission is actively involved in this and has started fining the company \$300.00 a day.

Select person Limanek motions to adjourn, select person Bannon seconds- Roll Call vote taken- passes 4-0

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm