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Meeting Minutes

**Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk 10/18/2022 by a roll call vote of 5-0**  
6:00 p.m. – October 18, 2022

Roll Call vote taken:

Members in Attendance in person:

Chairperson Jeff Bannon, Vice Chair Jonathan Anderson, Clerk David Hall & Select members Jesse Limanek and Wendy Mead.

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

Pledge of Allegiance followed with a moment of silence for the passing of Clarke Alderman

Chairperson Bannon recites the following: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, this meeting of the Sutton Select Board is in a hybrid format with both in-person and Zoom component. To join the meeting visit [www.zoom.us/join](https://www.zoom.us/join) and enter Meeting ID 820 2144 8068/Passcode: 681910. The meeting will be broadcast and recorded on local public access station (Verizon 31 & Charter/Spectrum 191) and live streamed on the Towns YouTube channel when available.

Public Forum – William Bonin of 650 Central Tpk would like to thank Town Manager Jim Smith for following up on a driveway issue at his property after the recent paving of Central Tpk. Also thank you to the Highway Dept for fixing the issue and the Police Dept. for patrolling the area and addressing speeding vehicles. In regards to last night's Town Meeting- you cannot force people to get involved we as a society need to get involved and work together.

Paul Schaefer 10 Uxbridge Road- compliments the previous speaker's comments about getting involved- he also thanks the community as well as the volunteers for the past weekend Waters Farm Days. It was a fantastic weekend with great weather.

Select person Hall motions to accept as presented the October 4, 2022 Select Board meeting minutes Select person Mead seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote.

**\*\*Public Hearing\*\*** pole hearing Forest Hill/Crestview Lane- Select person Hall reads the notice as was posted in the Sept 23, 2022 T&G. Currently there is no representation from NGrid. Stephen LaForest of 3 Crestview Lane is here with some concerns as the wires hang so low they have been ripped off a few times by trash trucks. This may help one line but there is another line hanging low. Having no representative here to reply- the board decides to continue to the next meeting. Select person Limanek motions to continue to the Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 Select Board meeting, Select person Mead seconds passes 5-0 with a roll call vote

1 day beer & wine & outdoor entertainment- Mickeys Carwash 16 Galaxy Pass 11/12/22- present by Zoom is Tammi Bourakis- part owner of the car wash. This is a grand opening for the new pet wash, detail site and retail store of the car wash. The Police Chief and Fire Chief have approved. Tammy states the hours for the beer & wine have changed from 6pm to 5pm and the band from 5pm to 4pm. Tammy says this beer truck also serves margaritas- the board all agree that would require an all alcohol so would have to come back to the next meeting. Tammy decides to not sell margaritas. She also goes over the area where it will be served- it will be in a contained area. Select person Hall says to make sure the TIP certification is resent for the actual server the day of the event. We have a copy of the owners TIP certification. Dave states we have safety concerns when alcohol is served. Select person Limanek asks who is this for- family, friends, the public. Tammy replies the public. Jesse asks are the events inside or out- Tammy replies both. Jesse does have concerns if vehicles are exiting the car wash and events are close by. Tammy replies she will look at a stronger barrier. Select person Mead confirms the hours will now be 12-5 rather than the requested 12-6- Tammy confirms yes- Wendy also confirms that Galaxy signed off on this event. Vice Chair Anderson offers good luck- Chairperson Bannon confirms this is for Beer & wine only and

questions the location of children's activities is close to the beer truck- Tammy states that may move inside but it is a segregated area. Select person Limanek asks if a Police Detail is needed- Town Manager Smith says the Police Chief has not requested this. Select person Mead motions to approve the one-day Beer & Wine license & outdoor entertainment (music) between the hours of 12 pm - 5pm for Miceys Car Wash open house located at 16 Galaxy Pass on 11/12/2022- TIP certified server on site – this is contingent upon all necessary Board of Health permits obtained Vice Chair Anderson seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote

Sign the State Election Warrant- hearing no discussion- Vice Chair Anderson motions to sign the State Election Warrant (November 8, 2022)- Select person Hall seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote

Public Health Excellence Shared Services Grant IMA- Town Manager Smith says this is an IMA with the Town of Charlton (James Philbrooks) being the lead along with Sutton, Spencer, Sturbridge and Wales. This is a 2 year grant with an awarded amount of \$300,000. From the Dept. of Public Health. This grant will allow for a regional health inspector to assist the local BOH for health inspections. Select person Hall is surprised with the towns included as Sutton is not in the cluster the others are- Dave goes on to say if this is a state wide grant- all cities and towns will receive this grant. Jim replies yes- the state is looking to regionalize public health- we are fortunate we have a public health nurse in town. Select person Limanek says so this is for a health inspector not nursing services- Jim replies Yes-Select person Mead questions- this is not intended to replace Cheryl Rawinski- Jim replies no- this is a backup for inspections. Vice Chair Anderson is on the fence about this and agrees that the included towns are a strange mix- what happens after the two years- Jim replies often with this type of grant the state hopes communities will absorb it into their budgets. Select person Hall motions to approve the participation in a Public Health Excellence Shared Services Grant through an IMA with the host town of Charlton Select person Limanek seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote

2023 Select Board meeting schedule presented- the board will review.

#### Town Manager Update:

- American Tower revenue- we received the check for 1.4 million for recent agreement. The perpetual easement will continue as well as receiving personal property tax for the town- we will not receive rent.
- Visit from MA Office of Travel & Tourism was held last week- Senator Fattman invited the Ex. Director Keiko Matsudo Orrall along with Jen Hager and Jim Smith to travel to Manchaug where they met with the Vaillancorts & Waters Farm to view the new barn.
- Campanelli & Randy Waterman will present to the Select Board at the Nov 1<sup>st</sup> meeting a 40 B project on Armsby Rd. There will be no votes needed- it is informational only.
- Mental Health clinician- Sutton Police – Sutton, Millbury and Grafton have received a grant from MA DPH that allows us to use a Mental Health Clinician for individuals dealing with mental health issues or substance abuse. Taylor Hayden has been assigned to us- she is employed by Advocates. This service is provided at no cost to us.

#### Announcement's/Round Table

- Select person Hall wants to discuss last night's Town Meeting- Dave takes away from the discussion last night we have to find ways to communicate better- more broadly- to make people more aware. We have a great communications team already. We will look into the postcard but regarding mailing a warrant to each household it is not practical- maybe place them in a public location. Some suggestion last night that there is somehow lack of transparency- Dave publicly refutes that. We are very transparent- Massachusetts has robust open meeting laws - this board has done everything possible to be transparent. It's wrong to suggest such a thing. Information is there for anyone wishing to learn about it. We want more people to be involved. We are not elected as representatives- this is a town meeting form of government. Voting at town meetings matters.
- Select person Limanek says we do a great job in all that goes along with the posting of meetings, ways to watch the meetings it takes two- to be involved- us having the information available and the resident wanting to be informed. All of our communications will fall short if people don't want to be involved. If residents want to be involved- we want them involved. The vote would have been the right vote whatever the outcome as it was a majority decision. Jesse reads the extensive list of items needed at the food pantry. Jesse also takes this time to thank the Whittiers for the controlled burn at the old farm house on Town Farm Rd. Jesse extends thanks to Fire Chief Matt Belsito along with all the Sutton Fire Dept as well as area depts. that came out to train.
- Select person Mead says Waters Farm Day was amazing it was close to effect. Wendy also mentions recent posts on social media that troubled her- it had to do with recent murders of Police officers. Please when you see Police, Fire or first responders- be nice be thankful.
- Vice Chair Anderson was excited to see the number of attendees at last night's meeting as well as dialogue that took place. Jonathan goes on to say we are transparent in many ways but sometimes it is difficult to find information- it is not intentional.
- Chair person Bannon agrees it was great to see all the people last night Jeff was not sensitive to people thinking there is some transparency issues- Jeff knows we are transparent- this board in particular follows that. Jeff was sensitive to any implications that issues being discussed were from a lack of what's being done with our communications- over the past 4-5 years our

communications have improved and we appreciate Pam and Christine for all they do. If it takes a while to find on the website- its true but all the information is there. We do not take a back seat to any other town when it comes to our communications. Select person Limanek motions to adjourn, Vice Chair Anderson seconds- Roll Call vote taken- passes 5-0  
Meeting adjourned 7:35pm