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Select Board

Meeting Minutes

Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk on 01/07/2020 by a vote of 4-0-1
(Vice Chair Mead abstains/not at 12/17/19 meeting)

7:00 p.m. – December 17, 2019
Sutton Town Hall, Meeting Room 1A

Members in Attendance:

Chairperson David Hall, Clerk Jesse Limanek & Select board Jonathan Anderson & Jeffrey Bannon (Vice Chair Mead absent)
Town Manager James Smith & Deb Jacques, secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum

Select Person Limanek motions to approve as presented December 3, 2019 meeting minutes, Select person Anderson 2nds passes 4-0

****PUBLIC HEARING**** Reaffirm Tax Factor: Town Manager Smith states this is a unique circumstance, DOR changed its rules this year and the new growth needs to be certified prior to setting the tax factor which the Select Board did at its Nov. 5th meeting. Present is Robert (Knick) Nunnemacher and Ray Nichols from the Assessor's office. Clerk Limanek reads the notice as advertised in the Dec. 9th T&G. Knick states this was a difficult year with many changes at the DOR. The Town of Sutton (Assessors) next year will also have to set the values and be responsible for the 2 water districts. There were not significant changes from the November 5th meeting to now, the Select board have no concerns. Select person Limanek motions to close the Public Hearing, Select person Bannon seconds passes 4-0. Select person Anderson motions to reaffirm the single tax rate for FY20 as approved at the November 5th, 2019 Select Board meeting, Select person Bannon seconds passes 4-0

ZBA fee increase: Chairman of ZBA Rick Deschenes (119 Leland Hill Road) is present. Town Manager Smith states fees had not been increased in over 20 years. They felt it was time to increase to help offset some of the costs to the town. Rick Deschenes said they reviewed surrounding towns, they are not trying to generate revenue, and they are just trying to offset the costs for things such as abutter mailings. Select person Limanek asks if they have operated in the negative due to the rates, Rick replies we assume so. Select person Anderson and Bannon feel it makes sense and it is reasonable. Chairperson Hall says it is good to get caught up with the surrounding towns. Select person Bannon motions to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals fee increases as presented, Select person Limanek seconds passes 4-0

Associate member to ZBA: Kyle Bergeson has filed an Action Volunteer form for the ZBA. Kyle is currently on the Planning Board. Town Manager Smith has checked with the Town Clerk and there is nothing in the Charter which states a person cannot be on more than one board. The Board has no issues, they all feel Kyle is a great candidate and they applaud his enthusiasm. Select person Limanek motions to approve the request of Kyle Bergeson to be appointed to the ZBA as an Associate Member Select person Anderson seconds passes 4-0

Town Manager update:

- Mailbox policy- Highway Superintendent Matt Stencel has policies from surrounding towns, we will be reviewing and bringing before this board to adopt a policy should a mailbox be damaged due to snow removal by a town vehicle. Most mailboxes are in the town's right of way but we are looking to reimburse one mail box per year with a set price.

- Firefighter Wellness Initiative- in the FY2021 budget we will include approx. \$5,000. For an early detection of certain health issues firefighters can get. This is done thru Harrington Hosp. We will start with the Chief, the full time duty crew and maybe one call fire fighter. This will help establish a base line and to also determine the value of the program.
- Communication about switch in Electric Supplier- Doreen has worked with Peregrine Energy to send notice to all Sutton Power Choice aggregation participants regarding the change from Agera to Constellation.
- Donation of War Canoe to Goddard Lodge- thank you to Ellen Carlson for the 1929 war canoe, it was part of the Camp Fire girls program for 30+ years. The value is around \$5,000.
- Fire Dept grant- the state recently notified Sutton we were awarded a grant for a washer/extractor which will allow the firefighters to wash their gear after they are exposed to smoke and other toxic chemicals.
- Retirement of Glenn King- Glen retired after 19 years of service on the Sutton Highway, we would also like to Chico Maynard that retired two years ago.
- Christmas & New Years town hall schedule. We will close at noon on the 24th and the 31st.

Announcements/Roundtable

- Select person Limanek thanks the Highway Dept for being out in the long drawn out storm today. Jesse also offers thanks from the Sr. Center Director Michelle Edelstein for the very generous donations made to the Food Pantry. They were able to give out 33 Thanksgiving baskets & 29 Christmas baskets. They currently have 167 families using the food pantry. Jesse offers a Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukah.
- Select person Anderson offers Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a Happy New Year
- Select person Bannon thanks the community for the generosity and also offers Happy Holidays.
- Chairperson Hall attended Chain of Lights but was at a stop with the Lions Club, he feels it all went smoothly, Dave mentions there is a sr. giving tree at Unibank near Mkt 32 if anyone is interested.

7:55 pm Select person Limanek motions to adjourn the meeting, Select person Bannon seconds passes 4-0