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Town of Sutton
Select Board

Meeting Minutes

**Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk on 6/7/2022 by a roll call vote of 5-0
6:00 p.m. – May 17, 2022**

Members in Attendance in person and Zoom:

Chairperson Jesse Limanek, Vice Chair Jeff Bannon, Clerk Jonathan Anderson & Select members David Hall & Wendy Mead (roll call vote taken - all in person).

Also in attendance in person:

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Limanek 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 and enter Meeting ID 818 5636 3772 & Passcode 045023. 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 N/A

Select person Hall motions to approve as presented May 3, 2022 meeting minutes, Vice Chair Bannon 2nds passes 5-0
Roll Call vote taken

Sign the APR approval for 19.23 acres on King & Uxbridge Road- Glenn King: Town Manager Smith requests the Select Board to sign the Approval form which passed with a vote at the Town Meeting (Article 18) on May 9, 2022. Once signed it will be sent to the State to complete the APR. Select person Hall has no questions- residents at Town Meeting voted to approve. Select person Mead offers a thank you to Glenn King to allow this APR to happen. Select person Anderson appreciates this APR as it is a way to preserve land- it will always be open land and prevent development rights. Vice Chair Bannon feels this was an easy decision and it helps to preserve the character of Sutton. Chair person Limanek is very appreciative of this APR, it was a unanimous approval allowing this land to be permanently protected. Select person Mead motions to sign the APR (Agricultural Preservation Restriction) as approved at the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 2022 for 19.23 acres on King & Uxbridge Rd. Select person Anderson 2nds passes 5-0 Roll Call vote taken

Glenn King enters the meeting late- he thanks all the boards that participated in this APR process. Glen says he is very proud the citizens voted to pay to keep this agricultural land open space. This land has been in the King family since 1716. The Board takes this time to individually thank Glenn for making this property remain open space.

Amended License for storage of Underground fuel at Route 146 & Boston Rd (157 Worc. Prov. Tpk.). This is an amendment to the original license signed in 1992 by Select person Wally Johnson. The original license had a total of 30,000 gallons of gasoline listed. The correct amount listed is 26,000 gasoline and 4,000 gallons of diesel- still totaling 30,000 gallons. The Fire Dept. supports this amendment. Select person Hall has no issues and says this is the appropriate thing to do. Select person Mead confirms the amount is staying the same- she is glad they are not looking for additional storage. Vice Chair Bannon confirms this is just housekeeping, Chair person Limanek asks if this is a singular tank or multiple tanks- Town Manager Smith believes it is one tank but we can get more info from the Fire Dept. Hearing no other concerns- Select person Anderson motions to amend the 1992 Underground fuel Storage license

for 157 Worcester Prov. Tpk. (Xtra Mart) from 30,000 gallons of gasoline to 26,000 gallons of gasoline and 4,000 gallons of diesel for a combined total of 30,000 gallons. Select person Mead seconds passes 5-0 Roll Call vote taken

Release of Lien – 563 Mendon Rd.- Town Manager Smith reminds the Board they had signed a lien on 563 Mendon Road a few months back. There was a fire at this location, Building Commissioner John Couture deemed it unsafe and ordered torn down. The lien was for \$10,825. - we received a check for \$11,010. to cover added costs. Select person Hall asks why we would not have had the home owner tear it down- Town Manager Smith responded the owner is in a nursing home- the home was vacant- there were some complicated factors involved in this. Hearing no other comments- Vice Chair Bannon motions to sign the Release of Lien for 563 Mendon Road having received reimbursement for costs associated with removal of a dangerous structure after a fire- Select person Anderson 2nds passes 5-0 Roll Call vote taken

Town Manager Update

- Veterans District IMA- the current IMA is Northbridge, Uxbridge, Douglas, Sutton and Blackstone. We are currently adding Millbury. This will decrease the cost to Sutton. We paid \$17,000. In FY22- we will pay \$13,000. In FY23.
- Painting of Town Hall- bids were opened 4/28/22- John Couture met with the low bidder and it will likely be awarded to this firm. We are looking to start in June.
- Recent Grant applications: Pam Nichols recently applied for a \$200,000. Fiber grant which would cover the Wilkinsonville area and Jen Hager applied for a \$100,000. Municipal Vulnerability Grant for the flooding in the Manchaug village.
- Unified² has developed a webpage talking about the development off of Route 122A- the site is unified2parkwayproject.wordpress.com. This will have general information as well as frequently asked questions. They are planning a Public informational meeting on Wed. May 25th at 6pm at their current location (223 Worc. Prov. Tpk)
 - Select person Hall likes the thought of a public meeting- Dave was not to impressed with the meeting he had attended a few weeks ago – it is their responsibility to get information out to the public.
 - Select person Mead feels a lot of frustration on behalf of the residents- Wendy would like to see neighbors around this project and the town be better educated.
 - Select person Anderson says this is a private process- but it is their responsibility- Unified has a right to develop this property and have done this thru the Planning Dept. Jonathan encourages residents to attend the meetings and keep the communication open with residents. Involve the residents to be part of the solution.
 - Vice Chair Bannon hopes this is a productive meeting- it is overdue.
 - Chair person Limanek agrees this is long overdue- it is important to separate town boards from the project and be open, honest and transparent.
- Central Tpk. Paving is scheduled to begin May 31-June 3. They will keep one lane open for traffic but it will impede traffic. Indus will be doing the cold-in-place recycling. After this Lynch will do the topcoat.
- Town Election will take place Tuesday May 24th 7am-8pm.
- Memorial Day Parade will take place May 30, 2022- 11:15 am sharp.

Announcement's/Round Table

- Select person Hall says last week's Town Meeting was successful the votes were either unanimous or very close. The budget is passed unanimous budget year after year- the residents take the recommendations- people are happy where we are- people that show up are interested in town government.
- Select person Mead offers her words of wisdom for the day- being kind is free.
- Vice Chair Bannon agrees there is credibility that was built up over the years- belief in our budget- it is credit to our staff. There wasn't an overflow crowd but there was an increase in the crowd.
- Chair person Limanek mentions Saturdays Garden Club flower sale- the weather was perfect. 4-H Club held a Coffee with the cows on Sunday- it was a good community day- that was 2 days of good wholesome fun. Jesse reads the list of needs for the Food Pantry. Also it is tick season- be alert.

Select person Mead motions to adjourn, Select person Hall seconds- Roll Call vote taken- passes 5-0
Meeting adjourned 7:07pm

