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**TOWN OF SUTTON
FINANCE AND WARRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS
TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2018**

The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee held a public hearing on the Warrant Articles on September 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton Municipal Center.

Committee members present were:

Jeffrey Bannon, Patrick Morris, Diane Greenlaw, Robert Recore, Jared Quill, Susan Rothermich and Geoffrey Cushner.

Votes and recommendations on the Articles by Committee members were as follows:

Recommendations:

Article 1: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article, as it is a customary Article reflecting unbudgeted state aid adjustments and local receipts and the appropriations thereof.

Article 2: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article to transfer funds to the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) expense account in accordance with the Town's OPEB liability funding policy.

Article 3: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article which provides for the payment of invoices from the prior fiscal year. The invoice in question is related to an Infiltration and Inflow Study mandated by the DEP and previously approved at Fall 2016 Town Meeting. The payment is to be funded by the retained earnings of the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund.

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Article 4: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The authorization is necessary since Selectman Mead had served as chairperson of the Police Station Building Committee prior to her election to the Board of Selectman and she continues to serve in this role.

Article 5: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The Article authorizes the transfer of \$150,000 from new growth revenues to the Special Education Tuition Stabilization Fund. The Town's policy for the Special Education Tuition Stabilization Fund provides for a maximum of \$350,000 and this transfer will accomplish that full funding.

Article 6: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article which permits the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of a lease or other agreement for the sale and removal of material from the Town Gravel Pit resulting in increased revenues for the Town. In connection with this, the Article also authorizes the Board to retain an appraiser to value the property.

Article 7: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend the passage of this Article. Passage of the Article will permit the Board of Selectmen to negotiate for an easement at 16 Reservoir Avenue to provide fiber and electrical service to the communications tower on the Manchaug water tower.

Article 8: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend the passage of this Article. This Article, which is to be funded by sewer connection fees, is the initial step in the design and construction expense estimate for a potential sewer extension project from the Pleasant Valley Villas to the center of Town.

Article 9: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend the passage of this Article. The Committee agrees with the Planning Board recommendation to eliminate the current Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District. The Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Board relative to this Article.

Article 10: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend the passage of this Article. The Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Planning Board relative to this Article which is a housekeeping article.

Article 11: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 4-3 in favor of recommending the passage of this Article. The majority felt that the setback requirements for a potential Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installation were worthwhile protections. The 3 members voting against the passage of the Article concurred with the Planning Board that the language in existing bylaws was sufficient.

Article 12: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 13: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 14: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The Article is a housekeeping article and the Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 15: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 16: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The Article is a housekeeping article and the Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 17: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The Article is a housekeeping article and the Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 18: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Article 19: The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of this Article. The Committee agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Board.