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Town of Sutton
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes

Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk on 9/3/2019 by a vote of 5-0
7:00 p.m. – August 20, 2019
Sutton Town Hall, Meeting Room 1A

Members in Attendance:

Chairman David Hall, Vice-Chair Wendy Mead, Clerk Jesse Limanek & Selectmen Jonathan Anderson & Jeffrey Bannon
Town Manager James Smith & Deb Jacques, secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hall calls for a moment of silence for Daniel DeLima tragically killed last week in Sutton.

Public Forum: John Hebert 23 Singletary Ave- It was a very tragic event last Wednesday, Mr. Hebert commends the dispatchers, Police, Fire, the reconstruction team with CEMLEC. Over 100 items were tagged as evidence which helped to paint a very clear picture. This type of incident impacts a small town like Sutton, they did not stop until they had an arrest (72 hours). Thanks goes out to MA. & Conn. State police, the DA's office and the Towns of Millbury and Webster. Sutton is more than a dot in the Blackstone Valley, we are upper cut. The Sutton Police Dept. did a stand up job.

Selectman Limanek motions to accept as presented, August 6, 2019 meeting minutes, Selectman Anderson seconds passes 5-0

Update: Sewer Project-Onsite Engineering, Sewer Superintendent Don Obuchowski, Chris McClure and School Facility manager Roger Raymond and the 3 Sewer Commissioners- Town Manager Smith begins saying they went back to the drawing board after the meeting with the BOS in April. Jim states Ray Willis with Onsite Engineering is here to give an updated presentation from the April presentation. Jim says the goal of the project is to bring sewer to the school complex so rather than a 2 phase project they will propose a 1 phase project from the Villas to the school complex. The estimated cost for this project is 4.6 million, Town Manager Smith would go for 4.8 million to have contingency money in place. The average cost per year for resident's taxes for 20 years would be \$84.00. The current sewer treatment plant at the school is nearing end of life, we are looking at over 1 million to repair. Chris McClure with McClure Engineering supplied an analysis of the water supply, he recommends digging a well to be used for flushing the toilets (non potable water supply). Ray Willis goes over the changes to the previous proposal. The pump station was relocated from Singletary ave to Boston Road, it will be gravity fed for Uxbridge and Boston Road, low pressure fed on Singletary and Cole Ave. and all parcels along the route will be offered tie in. Don Obuchowski states there will be 110 users after completion, available to hook in. Selectman Limanek is happy to see they expanded the project to include the school. Jesse asks Roger Raymond when the Sewer Treatment facility was put in, Roger replies 1999-2000 with a life span of 20-25 years. Jesse asks Town Manager Smith, the cost of a new wastewater treatment system is 1+ million dollars, Jim replies that is correct. Jesse questions, in addition to the \$130,000. yearly maintenance fee what are the added costs, Roger replies this year we have put an additional \$48,000. in to it for repairs. Jesse sums it up by saying a new system is 1million +, 20 years of maintenance fees of \$130,000-140,000. per year then in 20 years it will need to be replaced again. The estimate of this project that will service the school in perpetuity makes sense. Vice Chair Mead asks for more information regarding the non-potable water supply. Selectman Anderson feels this presentation is a much better path to take. Jonathan asks Don how many of the residents able to tie in will, Don has not yet made up flyers or gone door to door. Jonathan says it is much cheaper to tie into sewer then to replace or repair a septic system. Selectman Bannon says we have a million-dollar problem at the school, if this project is approved it would free up \$130,000. Yearly for the school budget. Jeff asked Don if it would cost the town more to pump sewer into Millbury, Don replies no this would not increase the flows that much through the IMA agreement. Jeff questioned Chris McClure on something in his letter, Chris states what he meant was to not use treated water for drinking to flush a toilet. Chairman Hall asks if we need all to tie in to make the flow work, Don replies no. Dave also asks why are we including Singletary and Cole Ave. Don

replies there are several failed systems as it is all clay, there is no seepage. With the state criteria the systems in this area would not meet state standards. Don says this is a win win situation. The BOS thank all here tonight for the presentation.

Cemetery restoration presentation: present is Brian Stevenson (Historical) Jim Renaud (Cemetery Commissioner) and Ross Weaver: Town Manager Smith states there will be a workshop on Aug. 25th 9am – 5pm at the center cemetery with professional gravestone conservators Betty and Carlo Mencucci, all are welcome to attend. Anticipated costs to start is \$1500.00 for this project and will be paid for out of the cemetery perpetual account. Jim Renaud as one of the Cemetery Commissioners said that he and Jim Johnson agree this type of project is what the perpetual fund should be used on. Brian Stevenson mentions some of the landmarks that were renovated in town, the Eight lots school house & the General Rufus Putnam museum. Brian says every year the third grade class walks up from the school, it is important for the youth to remember where they are from. Brian and Ross attended a workshop held by the Mencucci's, they also met with them here at the cemetery and discussed the repair and resetting of stones. The Mencucci's do not charge but did ask for a donation be made to the Historical Society in their community. The whole cemetery needs to be assessed, this is Sutton history. Ross Weaver says the last known burial at the cemetery was in 1938, no definitive records have been found for this site but there is believed to be between 350-400 burial sites. Hopefully going forward, we can do other cemeteries. The Dudley Gendron has donated some money to use towards this project. They are hoping the community has a lot of individuals that would like to volunteer their time to assist, he is anticipating maybe a 2-year project. Ross also mentioned the possibility of having ground penetrating radar come in to the cemetery to see exactly what we have. The cost for this would be around \$37,000. The newer cemeteries do not need this type of repair. Selectman Limanek says fantastic, Jesse has been following discussion on this project for a few months he fully endorses it. Vice Chair Mead says wonderful, this is long overdue, she agrees with using the perpetual care funds- Wendy thanks them for their efforts. Selectman Anderson says this is a really important project, it honors our ancestors, Jonathan fully endorses this but does stress volunteers need oversight so as not to damage stones. Selectman Bannon says thank you, this is a daunting project. Chairman Hall says for anyone that has not yet seen the Eight lots school house you really need to go in. It was a tremendous project, one of Suttons treasures.

Town Managers Update:

- Mattero Construction- the sidewalks at the ELC were completed, they did install drainage to alleviate the heaving that had taken place. Mattero will now focus on the Library sidewalk repair.
- New Treasurer/Collector- Lisa Lynch is the new Treasurer/Collector she is coming from Sherborn and has 17 years' experience as an assistant collector and 4 years as an assistant treasurer. Her start date is Sept. 4th.
- New Sewer/Accounting clerk- Darlene Thebearge has been hired and will start on August 26th.
- Fresenius Kidney care dialysis center- open house scheduled for Sept. 10 from 5:30 pm – 7:30pm the BOS are invited
- Affordable housing plan presentation to take place on August 29th @ 6:30 in the Wally Johnson meeting room. This will be given by Planning Director Jen Hager
- Eastern Equine Encephalitis in Grafton: We were made aware last Friday by the state dept. of Public Health that there is a second case of Human EEE confirmed. This case is in So. Grafton. We have information posted on the Town web site/cable channels and may also be issuing a code red call. Currently we are at high level, Grafton is one step higher at critical level.

Selectmen's Roundtable

Selectman Limanek BVT back in session – school buses are on the road, be mindful and slow down. Wed. 8/21 Jesse will be sitting in on another Eagle Scout Review Board. Two weeks ago Jesse attended a Waters Farm meeting, Farm days will be held in October. Thank you to the Sutton Police Dept and their professionalism in the recent event. Thank you also to the Sutton Fire Dept for their professionalism and dedication. Jesse reads the list of needed items for the food pantry.

Vice Chair Mead offers her thank you to the Sutton Police for their round the clock work attending to last week's issue and having a resolution.

Selectman Anderson offers his thanks to the Sutton Police for their diligence and quick turnaround. He says he appreciates their efforts.

Selectman Bannon offers his thanks and appreciation for the hard work, they worked tirelessly with a quick resolution.

Chairman Hall says the cooperation between all depts. involved along with the DA's office was tremendous work, the technology used to assist was incredible. Dave announces he will not be at the Sept 17th meeting

9:20 PM Selectman Limanek motions to adjourn, Vice Chair Mead seconds passes 5-0