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## TOWN OF SUTTON OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** 

FROM:

JAMES SMITH

SUBJECT:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

DATE:

2/6/2018

The following is an update of projects and activities for your information

- 1) FY 19 Budget-the house one budget presented by the Governor calls for a 3.5% increase in state aid. We have budgeted \$25,000 in state aid. We will wait until the House and Senate weigh in on the budget before we appropriate the full amount.
- 2) Cell Tower Update-Wireless Edge will be on-site on Tuesday, January 30 to deal with the drainage issue. We are working with Kevin Shaughnessy from National Grid and connecting him with John Arthur from Wireless Edge. The next step in this process is to have a designed plan from National grid for a transformer and pole location. Verizon is ready to go but they need power to finish the process. I will continue to stay on this project.
- 3.) Community Compact applications-town of Sutton is applying for two community compact applications. The first one is to address a best practice of fiscal transparency. We specifically applied for a computer application called ClearGov that will go on our town website where residents will be able to see the budget and demographic information in an easy to understand manner. The idea is that this best practice for transparency will build trust and drive engagement for the town's goals. The second application is an IT application to help build out the fiber network in town. We are applying for \$200,000 for this application.
- 4) 25R Putnam Hill Rd Sale-on Thursday, January 25 we received three bids for 25R Putnam Hill Road. The winning bidder was Timothy and Shayna Fisher in the amount of \$5,250. I am asking the Board of Selectmen sign the purchase and sale agreement and we will close on this within the next 30 days.

5)	Special Town Meeting-will be held on Monday, February 12 at 7 PM at the Middle school/ High school auditorium. There are four articles on the warrant. They are a TIF for Primetals, Utilization of the bond premium for the new police station, an article for funding the fiber network and simulcast antennas and lastly money for sewer department motors.