

Annual Town Meeting  
May 12, 2014

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton, qualified to vote in Town Elections and in Town affairs, met in the Simonian Center for Early Learning, Boston Road, Monday the Twelfth day of May, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

There were 122 voters and 18 non-voters in attendance.

Voted unanimously to ratify the Town Moderator's appointment of James Horan, 61 Highland View Dr. as Deputy Moderator.

**ARTICLE 1**

**SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to receive the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article, as it is a customary article to accept the various reports from town officers and committies.*

**ARTICLE 2**

**SPONSOR: Cemetery Commission**

Voted unanimously to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to employ themselves in the work of the several cemeteries and to fix the compensation to be paid from appropriations for said department.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article, as it is the annual authorization allowing the Cemetery Commissioners to employ themselves in the work of their department.*

**ARTICLE 3**

**SPONSOR: Board of Health**

Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Health to employ themselves in the performance of their work necessary to maintain health standards set by their department, and to fix the compensation to be paid from appropriations for said department.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article, as it is the annual authorization allowing the members of the Board of Health to employ themselves in the work of their department.*

**ARTICLE 4**

**SPONSOR: Sewer Commissioners**

Voted unanimously to appropriate the following sums for the operation of the Sewer Department for fiscal year 2015:

Salary and Wages	\$ 214,436
Operation and Maintenance	<u>\$ 496,906</u>
For a total of	\$ 711,342

And as funding therefor, that the Town vote to raise the \$ 711,342 as follows:

User Fees and Connection Fees	\$ 711,342
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*The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article, as it is the annual authorization of the Sewer Department budget.*

**ARTICLE 5****SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to appropriate the following sums for the operation of the Transfer Station for fiscal year 2015:

Salary and Wages	\$ 43,592
Operation and Maintenance	<u>\$ 98,275</u>
For a total of	\$141,867

And as funding therefor, that the Town vote to raise the \$ 141,867 as follows:

User Fees	\$ 141,867
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*The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article, as it is the annual authorization of the Transfer Station budget.*

**ARTICLE 6****SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to fund the operating budget for the fiscal year 2015 period in the following manner:

General Government:	\$ 1,379,226
Public Safety:	\$ 2,385,148
Education:	\$ 15,005,244
Public Works:	\$ 834,233
Health and Human Services:	\$ 290,179
Recreation and Culture:	\$ 214,148
Debt & Interest:	\$ 4,198,547
Insurance & Employee Benefits:	\$ 3,659,406
Transfer to Capital Stabilization Fund	\$ 564,626
For a Total of:	\$ 28,530,757

And that the article be funded in the following manner:

Raise & Appropriate the amount of	\$ 27,764,614
A Transfer from Free Cash	\$ 228,551
A Transfer From Capital Stabilization Fund	\$ 401,930
A Transfer from Other Reserves	\$ 23,923
A Transfer from Sewer Enterprise Fund	
For Indirect Cost	\$ 89,164
A Transfer from Transfer Station Enterprise	
For Indirect Cost	\$ 22,575
For a Total of:	\$ 28,530,757

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article, as it is the annual authorization of the Fiscal 2015 budget. The Town Administrator and town-wide staff have presented a balanced budget with continued reductions in reliance on free cash and one-time revenues.*

**ARTICLE 7****SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$1,223,500 for the following purposes relating to the fiscal 2015 Capital Plan:

Department	Purpose	Amount	Source
POLICE	Station Video Recording System	\$ 6,500	Free Cash
POLICE	Police Cruiser	35,000	Free Cash
HIGHWAY	Two Sander/Spreader Units	40,000	Borrowing
SCHOOL	Building Security	40,000	Overlay Res.
SCHOOL	Fire Alarm Radio Box	10,000	Free Cash
SCHOOL	Technology Computers	70,000	Free Cash
FIRE	SCBA equipment	80,000	Free Cash
HIGHWAY	4X4 Pickup with Plow	42,000	Borrowing
SCHOOL	Common Core Math Textbooks	40,000	Free Cash
PLANNING	Marions Camp – Water/Building Improvements	50,000	Free Cash
TOWN HALL	LED Sensor Lights for Town Hall	10,000	Free Cash
POLICE	Police Station/Highway Facility Feasibility Study	50 000	Free Cash
FIRE	Replace Engine 2	750,000	Borrowing

FOR A TOTAL OF

**\$ 1,223,500**

And to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$351,500 from Free Cash, transfer the sum of \$40,000 from Overlay Reserve and borrow the sum of \$832,000 and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to issue bonds and notes therefor; that the Board of Selectmen are authorized to take any other action to carry out these projects; and that any unspent items from this Capital Plan appropriated from Overlay Reserve or Free Cash be returned to the Capital Stabilization Plan for future appropriation.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article as it is the Fiscal 2015 Capital Plan and an integral part of the town's budget.*

**ARTICLE 8****SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the fiscal 2014 unemployment account (01913-51700) and \$25,000 from the fiscal 2014 finance committee reserve fund (01131-52000), for a total transfer of \$40,000 to the fiscal 2014 health insurance account (01900-51700), and transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the fiscal 2014 town counsel account (01151-53000), \$15,000 from the fiscal 2014 casualty insurance account (01925945-52000), and \$25,000 from Article 8 of the May 13, 2013 Annual Town Meeting unemployment account, for a total transfer of \$65,000, to the fiscal 2014 snow and ice account (01423-55300).

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article. This is a routine article that provides for adjustments between departments within the overall budget.*

**ARTICLE 9****SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to pass over this article.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **SPONSOR: Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee**

Voted to **NOT** approve (50 yes and 60 no) the \$2,900,000 borrowing authorized by the Blackstone Valley Regional School Committee for the propose of paying costs of renovating and reconfiguring Blackstone Regional Vocational Technical High School, 65 Pleasant Street, Upton, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"); provided that approval of the District's borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. c.59, Section 21C ("Proposition 2 1/2") and further that the failure to pass the Proposition 2 1/2 ballot question shall constitute a disapproval of the debt authorization.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to NOT recommend passage of this article. It is the opinion of the Committee that the proposed cost of expansion of the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School and the long-term impacts of increased enrollment will have significant budget implications in future years.*

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **SPONSOR: School Committee**

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$ 523.00 from Free Cash to the school student activities/student council fund.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article. These are funds raised by students in the high school from the sale of surplus furnishings and materials. The Funds were required to be deposited into the General Fund.*

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to authorize the following revolving fund accounts under M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, as printed in the warrant.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article, as it is the annual authorization of the Town's 53 E 1/2 accounts.*

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **SPONSOR: Sewer Commissioners**

Voted unanimously to transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing motors, valves and a flow meter at the sewer plant and pump stations, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article. The funds are from the Sewer Enterprise Fund's retained earnings to purchase necessary equipment.*

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release any right, title and interest held by the Town, if any, to remove gravel banks from the property located at 25 Oakhurst Road and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 6640, Page 304, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Board deems appropriate.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article. This article provides for clean-up of the title for gravel rights held by the Town on this parcel of land.*

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen, as the Board of Park Commissioners, to acquire for park purposes under the provisions of G.L. c.45, §3 by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, all or a portion of the parcel of land located at 7 Darling Lane and shown on Assessors Map 54 as Parcel 76.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article. This allows the Selectmen to proceed in acquiring land and development of this property as a park.*

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen**

Voted unanimously to pass over this article.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **SPONSOR: Bylaw and Charter Review**

Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the Town Charter by repealing Chapter 308 of the Acts of 2000 in its entirety, and establishing as the Charter for the Town of Sutton that set forth in a document entitled, "Charter – Spring 2014 (Final Recommendations of the Charter Review Committee)", which document is on file with the Town Clerk and available on the Town's website, and makes certain clerical, ministerial and non-substantive changes throughout including spelling, grammar and capitalization, and eliminates no-longer applicable transitional provisions, as well as makes certain substantive changes including but not limited to changing the title of the Town Administrator to Town Manager, inserting provisions authorizing the appointment of associate members to multiple-member bodies, and updating the recall provision to be consistent with state election law; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article and concurs with the changes as recommended by the Bylaw and Charter Review Committee.*

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **SPONSOR: Paul Kawolis**

Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$ 7,500.00 from Free Cash, said sum to be used for the control of Eurasian Watermilfoil, Fanwort or algae in Lake Singletary.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article. The committee recognizes that Lake Singletary is a valuable resource for the Town and the committee concurs with the importance of maintaining the water quality.*

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **SPONSOR: Planning Board**

Voted unanimously to approve Article 19 as printed in the warrant.

### **As printed in the warrant:**

Voted unanimously to approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land described below as Priority Development Sites and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and

such other Town Officials as they may designate to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the vote taken hereunder, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Assessors Map and Parcels: Map 2 Parcel 4, Map 2 Parcel 10, Map 3 Parcel 1, Map 3 Parcel 2; Map 3 Parcel 3; Map 3 Parcel 4; Map 3 Parcel 5; Map 3 Parcel 6, Map 5 Parcel 87, Map 5 Parcel 88, Map 5 Parcel 90, Map 5 Parcel 94, Map 5 Parcel 98, Map 5 Parcel 100, Map 6 Parcel 1, Map 6 Parcel 2, Map 6 Parcel 3, Map 6 Parcel 4, Map 6 Parcel 5, Map 6 Parcel 6, Map 6 Parcel 7, Map 6 Parcel 8, Map 6 Parcel 9, Map 6 Parcel 10, Map 6 Parcel 12, Map 6 Parcel 13, Map 6 Parcel 14, Map 6 Parcel 15, Map 6 Parcel 16, Map 6 Parcel 17, Map 6 Parcel 18, Map 6 parcel 19, Map 6 Parcel 20, Map 6 Parcel 21, Map 6 Parcel 22, Map 6 Parcel 23, Map 6 Parcel 24, Map 6 Parcel 25, Map 6 Parcel 26, Map 6 Parcel 27, Map 6 Parcel 28, Map 6 Parcel 29, Map 6 Parcel 30, Map 6 Parcel 56, Map 6 Parcel 57, Map 6 Parcel 58, Map 6 Parcel 154, Map 6 Parcel 202, Map 6 Parcel 203, Map 6 Parcel 208, Map 6 Parcel 217, Map 10 Parcel 94, Map 10 Parcel 97, Map 11 Parcel 39, Map 11 Parcel 40, Map 11 Parcel 41, Map 11 Parcel 42, Map 11 Parcel 142, Map 11 Parcel 161 and a portion of Map 3 Parcel 7; Map 3 Parcel 8, Map 3 Parcel 22; Map 5 Parcel 46, Map 5 Parcel 67, Map 5 Parcel 89, Map 5 Parcel 99, Map 6 Parcel 216.

more particular described below:

Beginning at the most northerly corner thereof at a point in the centerline of the Blackstone River at the Millbury-Sutton town line;

Thence Southeasterly by the centerline of the Blackstone River about 2,966 feet;

Thence Southerly by the centerline of Cold Spring Brook about 399 feet;

Thence Northwesterly by land of CBC Realty Trust about 112 feet;

Thence Southwesterly by land of CBC Realty Trust about 202 feet;

Thence Southeasterly by land of CBC Realty Trust about 198 feet;

Thence Northeasterly by land of CBC Realty Trust about 31 feet;

Thence Southerly by the centerline of Cold Spring Brook about 674 feet;

Thence Southeasterly by the southwesterly line of Providence Road about 229 feet;

Thence Southerly by the westerly line of Buttonwood Avenue about 1678 feet;

Thence Northwesterly by land of Marengo about 54 feet;

Thence Southwesterly by land of Marengo about 184 feet;

Thence Westerly by land of Marengo about 237 feet;

Thence Northerly by land of Marengo about 208 feet;

Thence Westerly by land of Marengo about 231 feet;

Thence Southerly by land of Marengo about 372 feet;

Thence Easterly by land of Marengo about 462 feet;

Thence Southerly by the westerly line of Buttonwood Avenue about 1671 feet;

Thence Southwesterly by the northwesterly line of Boston Road about 1,751 feet;

Thence Northwesterly by land of Puchek about 199 feet;

Thence Northerly by land of Daysal about 192 feet;

Thence Southwesterly by land of Daysal about 106 feet;

Thence Northwesterly by the easterly line of Dudley Road about 601 feet;

Thence Northeasterly by land of Sneade about 318 feet;

Thence Northwesterly by land of Sneade about 249 feet;

Thence Northeasterly by land of Lore about 399 feet;

Thence Northwesterly by land of Lore about 446 feet;

Thence Northeasterly by land of Aggregate Industries about 203 feet;

Thence Northerly by land of Aggregate Industries about 256 feet;

Thence Northwesterly by land of Aggregate Industries about 678 feet;

Thence Northwesterly through land of Aggregate Industries about 407 feet;

Thence Northwesterly by land of Aggregate Industries about 625 feet;

Thence Easterly by land of Vera about 65 feet;

Thence Northerly by land of Vera about 249 feet;  
Thence Northwesterly by land of Vera about 520 feet;  
Thence Northeasterly by land of Dauphinais about 416 feet;  
Thence Northwesterly by land of Dauphinais about 360 feet;  
Thence Northeasterly by land of Fox about 250 feet;  
Thence Northwesterly by the westerly line of the existing New England Power Company electric transmission easement, by land of Fox, through land of Aggregate Industries about 677 feet;  
Thence Northeasterly by land of Courtney about 123 feet;  
Thence Northwesterly by land of Courtney about 168 feet;  
Thence Southwesterly by land of Courtney about 114 feet;  
Thence Northwesterly by the westerly line of the existing New England Power Company electric transmission easement through land of Aggregate Industries about 173 feet;  
Thence Northeasterly by an extension of the Millbury-Sutton town line through land of Aggregate Industries about 391 feet to a town corner;  
Thence Northeasterly by the Millbury-Sutton town line about 2,107 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing about 432 acres.

*The Finance and Warrant Advisory voted 5-0 to recommend passage of this article. This is a minor adjustment from the article which received an affirmative vote at the Fall Town Meeting related to the designated Priority Development Site.*

Meeting dissolved at 8:50PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura J. Caruso  
Town Clerk