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TOWN OF SUTTON OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: SELECT BOARD
FROM: JAMES SMITH
SUBJECT: TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE
DATE: 8/17/2021

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

- 1) Tax Increment Financing proposals-We will have two tax increment financing agreements (TIFs) at the October town meeting. The first proposal is from the MIG Corporation for a 45,000 ft.² facility on John Road. The second one is for Unified Global Packaging Group for two buildings for a total of approximately 2,000,000 ft.². The Unified TIF will be a little different than previous TIFs in that it will be for real estate as well as personal property. We will present the Unified proposal on September 7.
- 2) Request from Market 32 regarding an alcohol training course-the attorneys representing Price Chopper a.k.a. Market 32 are requesting the Select Board approve its in-house alcohol training course as an acceptable alcohol server/sales training program. We typically require TIPS certification. TIPS is an acronym for Training and Intervention Procedures for servers of alcohol. There are a number of programs that accomplish the goals of TIPS. The town's liquor license regulations state, under employment training, that TIPS or its equivalent is a requirement.
- 3) 61A hearing request- the request was filed for a property at 44 Old Mill Rd. 12.75+ or minus acres. It is currently going through the Board process and we will get comments from them and various departments. Wayne Whittier is looking to take this out of 61A and sell it for \$240,000. Due to the lack of entrance space it is likely that

one house will be built on this property. The town has the right of first refusal, although I don't see any value to the town acquiring this land. If things go smoothly with the Board's it will be before the Select Board on September 21.

- 4) Sutton Fire Dept Grant-Sutton Fire Rescue Department received a grant in the fall of 2020 through the CESF (Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding) Program for \$45,500. The fire department used these funds to purchase SCBA Masks, eye protection, hand protection and body protection but the largest purchase from this grant was a Lucas device. This is a device that is put onto a patient that is in cardiac arrest and will perform compressions on the patient at a steady and consistent rate. This piece of equipment was \$15,330.60. Thanks to the Fire Chief Matt Belsito as well as Robin Dresser and Jeff Briggs.
- 5) Blackstone River Valley Greenway Challenge-this is the 20th year and will only impact a small section of southeast Sutton. Cyclists will come from Uxbridge on Lackey Dam Road and then turn right onto McGuire Road back into Uxbridge. Because this is a relay towards the end of the race the 60 cyclists will be spread out and I don't believe there is a need for police detail. The cyclists will be coming through between 11 AM and 12:30 PM.
- 6) Town Manager's Evaluation- we have enclosed a copy of the evaluation form. We are planning on having the evaluation on September 7 or 21st. If the Board could complete the evaluations by September 1 it will give Deb a chance to compile the evaluations.