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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: 8/9/2022

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

1. Charter Change Board of Selectmen to Select Board-the language that was approved at town meeting was approved by the House and sent back to the Senate and they approved the original language. That bill is now on the Gov.'s desk awaiting signature. Thank you to our State delegation for all their hard work.
2. Agricultural Preservation Restrictions-there are currently two active agricultural preservation restrictions (APR) before the State Department of Agricultural Resources. Wayne Whittier is looking to protect 75.5 acres at Putnam Hill and Lackey Road and Sharon Kent is looking to protect 67.7 acres at King farm. The state is currently going through a due diligence period and they will inform us if one or both APR's are approved. Once we receive this information the Board can sponsor a town meeting article to contribute a sum of money to the purchase. In the past we contributed 5% of the purchase price.
3. Fire Chief three-year contract-I entered into contract with Matt Belsito for a three-year agreement expiring on June 30, 2025. Matt has been a great department head and leader of the Sutton Fire Department.
4. Blackstone River Valley Greenway challenge-will be held on Saturday September 24, 2022. The 50 or so cyclists will enter and exit the town between 11 AM and 12:30

PM. They will be coming from Uxbridge onto Maguire Road and taking a left on Lackey Dam Road and heading into Douglas. They are working with Sgt. Joe Fortunato for possible details.

5. Midstate Massive Ultra Trail event-is scheduled for October 8-9, 2022. There will be 250 to 300 runners over this 100, 50 or 30 mile run. Event coordinators are planning on the runners spread out over an eight-hour period on October 9. They plan on coming through town between 5 AM and 1 PM on October 9. They have provided us an insurance certificate and will require a police detail.
6. Painting of Town hall-is currently underway and should be concluded within a couple of weeks.
7. Full-time Assessors position-the selection committee held interviews on Tuesday, August 2 with two candidates. The committee unanimously chose Tracey Tardy to be the town's Principle Assessor. Tracey is currently the Assistant Assessor in Upton. Her start date is Monday August 29. We look forward to her joining our team.
8. Student Officer Appointment-upon the Chief's recommendation, I have appointed Blake Dickman as a Student Officer. He recently entered the Police Academy and if all goes well he will graduate in six months. When that happens I will have him before the Select Board for ratification.
9. Municibid results-on Tuesday, July 12 the town sold a few items on municibid. We sold a 2013 Ford Taurus cruiser for \$5232, a 1975 Sandpiper sand screener for \$3100, a power pressure washer for \$490 and two-way radio equipment for \$95. The total received from this was \$8,917. Thank you to Deb and the Department Heads that made this happen.
10. Fall Town meeting-will be held on Monday, October 17 at 7 PM in the Middle School/ High School Auditorium. Early voting, in person for the September 6 state primary election will be held at town hall following days and hours:
 - i. Saturday, August 22, 2022 9 AM to 3 PM
 - ii. Monday, August 29, 2022 8 AM to 4 PM
 - iii. Tuesday, August 30, 2022 8 AM to 6 PM
 - iv. Wednesday, August 31, 2022 8 AM to 4 PM
 - v. Thursday, September 1, 2022 8 AM to 4 PM
 - vi. Friday, September 2, 2022 9 AM to 12 PM