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## **TOWN OF SUTTON OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SELECT BOARD  
**FROM:** JAMES SMITH  
**SUBJECT:** TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE  
**DATE:** 7/12/2022

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

1. Charter Change Board of Selectmen to Select Board-the House and Senate have been working on the charter change of changing the titles from Board of Selectmen to Select Board. The Senate made a significant change of how the town fills vacancies with the Board. The original language goes back to the original charter in 1988 that states "that if there is a vacancy six months or more before the next election the remaining Selectmen shall call a special election to fill the vacancy". The Senate changed that language to say Selectmen "may" have a special election. I believe the original intent of the charter was that if a vacancy occurred within the first six months the Selectmen shall call for a special election. If the Board wanted to keep the substantial change, the House would need a certified vote from the Select Board. If there is no objection I will have Joe McKenna file a floor amendment to put the original language back in, on what was called for in the home rule petition.
2. Parking lots at Early Learning Center and Elementary School-repair of the ELC/Elementary school parking lots was funded at the May town meeting for \$300,000. We are finalizing the design of the parking lot area. I informed the School Department that the work will not get done this summer. We will work on the bid package and have it ready to go out to bid next April for a summer completion.

3. Painting of Town hall-all the paperwork is completed and we have signed contracts. Fox painting will begin painting town hall shortly and John Couture is the project manager.
4. Full-time Assessors position-we have advertised for the full-time Assessors position with the anticipated retirement of Joyce Sardagnola, the town's full-time assessor. We will advertise in the MMA Beacon as well as the Worcester Telegram.
5. Select Board Goals Meeting-We will be holding the goals meeting on July 26 at 6 PM at Blackstone National Golf course. They have given us a room and we will order off the menu.