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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: 6/15/2021

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

- 1) Charge Point Chargers at school-as you may recall the town requested and received a grant from DEP EVIP in the amount of \$6000. National Grid will provide an additional \$24,000 for a total of \$30,000 to complete this project. Initially we were working with the consultant Rise Engineering and they were going to charge us over \$52,000 to complete the work. The cost for the equipment and a five-year warranty was \$22,000. We should be able to get this work with no costs to the town. We decided to do the work internally with Larry Morris taken the lead on electrical and Matt Stencel taking the lead on trenching, concrete pads etc. These chargers will be located in the basketball court parking adjacent to the old middle school sign. The town of Sutton will be charged for electric use. These are Charge Point Chargers which allow the town to charge users for the use. I would like to monitor the usage over the next few months and report back to the Board.
- 2) State Budget Earmarks-Sen. Ryan Fattman was successful in getting a number of earmarks into the state budget. Currently the state budget has an additional \$300,000 for the town of Sutton. \$175,000 will go towards waters farm to complete the barn. \$50,000 will go to waters farm for their chimney project; and \$75,000 will go to Marion's camp for restroom facilities outside of Goddard Lodge. Thank you to Sen. Fattman and Representative McKenna.

- 3) MBR bid opening-the bid opening for the restoration of the membrane batch reactor located at the School Wastewater Treatment plant was Thursday, June 10. The town received one bid from Utility Service Company Inc. out of Perry Georgia in the amount of \$427,632. Our engineers will look into the company and their experience and we will have to review the funding available.
- 4) Annual Goals Meeting -will be held on Tuesday, July 20 at 6 PM at Blackstone National Golf course. We will order off the menu.
- 5) Sutton Public library-is open to the public, masks will still be required due to the younger population attending the library. As we know you have to be 12 years old to receive a vaccination and this policy protects the children. In addition, the library has decided to go fine free on July 1, 2021.
- 6) Juneteenth holiday-town hall will be closed next Monday, June 21 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Last year, the state of Massachusetts adopted this holiday in observance of the end of slavery in the United States. This holiday was agreed to in the new union contracts.

Transfer Station Stickers became available to purchase Monday June 14th for the next fiscal year. They are available thru our online vendor City Hall Systems found on the towns website as well as mail or in person at the town hall- the cost is \$50.00

Manchaug Boat ramp-we are now accepting payment to utilize the Manchaug boat ramp. Massachusetts residents pay \$6 dollars per boat and out of State residents pay \$12 per boat. Anyone can purchase a season pass for \$20 through the collector's office.

Marion's camp-We will open up to the public on June 19 through August 30. It will reopen on Labor Day weekend September 4, 5, 6. Swim lessons will take place July 5-16 and July 19-30. Lifeguards will be available and Porta Potties will be in place prior to the beach opening.