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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:** 6/7/2022

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

1. Town of Oxford IMA-the town of Sutton will end the intermunicipal agreement with the Oxford Board of Health on June 30, 2022. This is a mutual decision. The town has been selectively ending these IMA's and we are down to 5 towns. We have eliminated Brookfield, North Brookfield, Rutland, Millville, Boylston and Oxford.
2. New Superintendent-the school committee has entered into contract with Dr. Kimberly Roberts-Morandi. She will be in town in the next couple of weeks starting her transition. We welcome her and wish her the best in the town of Sutton.
3. PFAS Sutton Schools-the School Department notified the town that during normal testing, and for the first time, they had exceeded the Department of Environmental Protection limits for PFAS. PFAS is Per-and-Polyfluoroalkyl substances and are man-made chemicals that do not break down entirely in the environment and exposure to their long-lasting presence has been linked to and negative health impacts. PFAS chemicals are all around us; they are used in nonstick cookware, food packaging, carpets, leather goods and firefighting foams. Sen. Fattman is working to identify roughly \$50,000 to help the School Department with the filter cartridges that may help with the problem.

4. CMRPC tri-town award-the central Massachusetts regional planning commission is having their annual meeting and awards dinner on Thursday, June 9. A number of awards will be presented. The responsible regionalism award will go to the town of Douglas, Sutton and Uxbridge for the work on the Blackstone Logistics project. Congratulations to Jen Hager and the Planning Board for this well-deserved award.
5. Community Compact Cabinet municipal fiber award-the state of Massachusetts awarded the town of Sutton \$200,000 for the Wilkinsonville municipal fiber project. These funds along with the \$200,000 in state ARPA funds should be enough to complete the fiber project. Thanks to Pam Nichols for writing this grant as well as Paul Maynard for his assistance.
6. Wilkinsonville sewer project-Jen Hager submitted the Massachusetts One Stop grant on June 3, 2022. Project cost is roughly \$5 million and we are submitting a grant request to cover the majority of this project. We have matches of \$500,000 in connection fees through the sewer commission; \$500,000 in ARPA and \$1 million from Unified<sup>2</sup>.
7. Central Turnpike paving-is scheduled to begin May 31 through June 3. They will keep one lane of traffic open but it will impede travelers. You might want to seek alternate routes. Indus will be doing the cold-in-place recycling. Lynch will do what Topcoat of this area later in the season.