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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: 5/3/2022

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

1. Cherry Sheet Update-the Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee released their recommended cherry sheet numbers for the House of Representatives. The Governor's budget increased Chapter 70 by \$30 dollars per student and the House Ways and Means doubled it to \$60 per student, for an additional \$37,080. So year-over-year school department is receiving \$74,160 in additional Chapter 70 aid.
2. Painting of town hall-we opened bids on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Seven contractors submitted bids we are in the process of reviewing these bids and will issue a notice of award when complete. Our plan is to complete the painting this summer.
3. Planning Board special permit public hearing-the Planning Board began their special permit process for Unified development for buildings two and three on Monday April 25, 2022. As you know unified has purchased the aggregate parcel and other parcels totaling 400+ acres. The town has made this a priority development site as it is one of the last undeveloped parcels of land in the town of Sutton. It is zoned office light industrial where warehousing and distribution are allowed. I am aware of the impact of their work they are conducting on-site, particularly with the blasting. While none of the blasts have exceeded the state required limits, and none of them have exceeded half of the state limits, I still think we could have done a better job of notifying

residents. I have spoken to Art Mahassel and Len McAleer and they are working on a plan to better notify residents and have a more open line of communication.

4. Town meeting will be held in the Middle School/High School auditorium on May 9 at 7 PM. Town Election will take place Tuesday May 24 7am-8pm.
5. Memorial Day Parade-will take place on Memorial Day May 30, 2022. The parade will begin at 11:15 AM sharp.