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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: 10/26/2021

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

- 1) COVID Stipends for Town Employees-I would like to offer stipends to all current town employees that worked during the pandemic. I would like to offer full-time, first responders a \$1000 stipend and a \$500 stipend for everyone else. First responders will be paid through the American Recovery Planning Act and everyone else will be paid through the town budget. I have said in the past, I have the honor to work with an outstanding group of town employees and this is a small gesture to say thank you for their effort, creativity and resilience during the pandemic. A special thanks goes to police, fire, and the health department for going above and beyond in protecting the town. Thank you.
- 2) Police Department Solar carport project-the solar panels on the carport are active and are fully interconnected through National Grid. Ostrow Electric completed this project for the \$80,000 budgeted amount. Although we budgeted an extra \$30,000 to complete this project, we were able to use the police department construction project funds to complete the Solar. The \$30,000 will go back to free cash. We will receive some revenue for the solar panels as part of the SMART (Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target) program yet significantly less than SREC 1 or SREC 2.
- 3) ChargePoint chargers at High School-the charges are installed in the basketball parking lot in front of the Middle School/High School. Thanks to Larry Morris who

did all the electrical work and Highway Department that put up the bollards, paint and stencils on the ground and poured the concrete pad to put the chargers on. We're still waiting on National Grid to upgrade the power and potentially add a transformer for this location.

- 4) Cyber Security Awareness training-the town of Sutton has been named by the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security a "Cyber Aware Community" for 2021. They will be holding a virtual Award ceremony on Tuesday, October 26 at 10 AM. So don't forget to complete your cyber security training assessment!
- 5) Fire Chief New Car 1-Fire Chief Matt Belsito received his new vehicle Car 1. This vehicle is outfitted with all emergency communications equipment for proper response at a fire scene. The new silver Chevy Tahoe was funded through the capital plan in the FY2020 and we just received it this month.