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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: 9/7/2021

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

- 1) 28 Waters Rd-the town has officially closed on the 6 acres of land on Waters Road across the street from Waters farm. We will be working with town counsel to revise the original lease agreement entered in on January 2007 and we will be revising the memorandum of understanding which outlines what the town provides in services to Waters farm. They will be before you in about 30 to 45 days. Thank you to the Beaton family trust Pam Beaton and Carolyn Beaton for their support and patience. I would also like to thank the Conservation Commission for their contribution in purchasing this land.
- 2) Hough Rd Sidewalks-JH Lynch has almost completed the Hough road sidewalk job. This program was funded through the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant from MassDOT. We received just under \$300,000 for the design and construction for this work. We constructed sidewalks from the senior center to the corner of Whitins road and will be adding crosswalks to the parking area or on the westerly side of Hough Road. We will be looking for future grants to extend the sidewalk on Boston Road to Hutchinson Road.
- 3) American Rescue Plan Act ARPA- the town has received a little over \$1.4 million in ARPA money. We received \$500,000 and later in the month received \$900,000, our share of monies meant for Worcester County. This was the first of two payments,

next June we should receive the same amount. We are utilizing some of these funds for restoration of the membrane batch reactor tank currently underway and the septic system behind town hall which is out for design.

- 4) Membrane Batch Reactor-the town has been working with a contractor to rehabilitate the wastewater treatment plant at the school department. The contractors are in the final steps of rehabbing the tank. They have sandblasted the tank, replaced some of metal, completed a primer coat and they are working on finishing up the painting and sealing. The project should be completed in the next two weeks. We are utilizing the remainder of the middle school high school funding approximately \$230,000 with the rest of the funding coming from ARPA.
- 5) Cleaning of Pigeon Hill Cemetery stones and gate-Ethan Westbury and Scout Troop 243 members as well as parents and friends cleaned over 200 stones at pigeon Hill Cemetery under the direction of Ross Weaver. They also adjusted the gates on the original section as well as the North side extension so they no longer dragged on the ground. They brush cleaned the gates and repainted them. I would like to thank Ethan and Scout Troop 243 members as well as Ross Weaver for his continued service to the town of Sutton.