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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:** SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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

1. State Housing Refugee families in Sutton – on Monday September 11 the School Department welcomed 16 school-age children. There are 11 elementary age children; 3 middle school age children and 2 high school children. We are in the process of handing over the operations to the State, National Guard and a number of nonprofits and churches. The National Guard arrived on Wednesday, September 13 at 11 AM. At 11:40 AM Paul Maynard called 911 for a fire at the Red Roof Inn. Paul Maynard and the National Guard were helpful in slowing down the fire until the Fire Department arrived. I would like to thank Cheryl Rawinski and Paul Maynard for all the work that they put in to assist the transition.
2. Manchaug Boat ramp repaving-there were no bids received on the due date of September 7. After following up with the Manchaug Pond Foundation as well as their consultant, we agreed that we would go out to bid again in the late winter. The town is working in partnership with the Manchaug Pond Foundation that received a 319 Grant from Massachusetts DEP. The town's match is \$25,000 which will come out of the Manchaug boat ramp receipts.
3. Letters to Class II license holders-we sent out certified letters to some Class II license holders to verify they are still utilizing the license. The town eliminated Class II licenses in our zoning bylaw in 1999. The only Class II license holders are the

individuals holding them under the grandfathering provision. That requires that these addresses/businesses have sold at least one car within the last two years. If not, then the grandfathering provisions for that particular license are no longer in effect.

4. Transfer Station operator position- Matt Stencel and I interviewed a handful of candidates for the transfer station operator position. In the end, we decided on Joshua Lee, a Sutton resident. We welcome Joshua to the Transfer Station.

Reminders: The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Blackstone River Valley Greenway challenge-will take place on September 30, 2023. As the Board may be aware that this is a relay race where individuals choose running, cycling and kayaking. The cycling will start in Cumberland Rhode Island and will come into Sutton along Maguire Road from Uxbridge and proceed to the airfield on Mendon Road. From there the runners will take over traveling up Mendon Road to Uxbridge Road and finally to Marion's camp. Once at Marion's camp the kayaking portion of the race takes place. It will be approximately 30 teams with one person per team competing on each segment. Sgt. Joe Fortunato is coordinating police details. There will be at least two details during this event.

Fall Town Meeting schedule- the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on the warrant on September 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Wally Johnson room. Fall Town Meeting will be held on October 16, 2023 at 7pm in the Middle School/High School auditorium.