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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:** 3/16/2021

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

- 1) Budget Update- we had one additional student apply at Norfolk Aggie school for a total of three additional students. We have had two meetings with the IAC regarding the switch from Fallon to MIIA. We are looking at HSA's for everyone. Fallon's rate for this plan was 15% increase and MIIA's rate is a -5.6%. With these additional funds freed up in the healthcare budget we would like to create a Healthcare Stabilization Fund and deposit \$100,000 at spring town meeting. The intent of this fund is to smooth out any spikes in healthcare costs.
- 2) Sale of Hatchery property-the RFP is due next week March 25. As I mentioned before any proceeds from a sale of real property cannot go into the operating budget. The town can borrow for a project for a minimum of five years. If town meeting approves the sale of the property, we are contemplating adding the minimum \$1.45 million to a five-year road repaving plan. These funds along with the annual \$450,000 Chapter 90 moneys could go a long way to improving the roads in the town of Sutton.
- 3) New Doors at town hall-handicap accessible doors have been installed by E5 Builders out of Leominster MA. They subcontracted the Work to Portland Glass and they did a terrific job. I would like to thank John Couture for his oversight on this project and for getting the town hall a little more handicap accessible.

- 4) COVID Vaccine clinic for senior housing-last weekend Cheryl Rawinski held a clinic for the senior housing project on Church Street at the Sutton Senior center. Once again I want to thank Cheryl and Judy for their continued efforts in serving not only the town of Sutton but also many of the surrounding communities.

Reminder: Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee - public hearing dates. They are Tuesday, March 30 at 6 PM, Tuesday, April 13 at 6 PM, Monday, April 26 at 6 PM, and Tuesday, April 27 at 6 PM. All meetings will be conducted via Zoom.