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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: SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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

1. State Housing Refugee families in Sutton - the Massachusetts Governor's office notified us by phone message Friday night that Sunday a number of refugee families were going to be housed in Sutton. On Monday morning we became aware that 18 families had been located here. By Tuesday 25 families were in town. On Tuesday the Department of Public Health sent a number of nurses to do assessments for the vaccination history of the children. As we mentioned in the press release we want all these families to feel at home and welcome them to a wonderful town.
2. Town Manager evaluation-we have attached the Town Manager's evaluation to this update. If the Board could take some time and fill out these evaluations by next Wednesday, September 13, then Deb can compile the evaluations for the September 19 meeting where we will have it on the agenda.
3. MOA with Elite Homebuilders-at the last meeting the Board agreed to enter into an MOA with Elite homebuilders. The following morning, I called Cohen Babcock from the Elite homebuilders and he informed me that as of end of July they were no longer in the picture. Their purchase and sale had expired and they decided not to continue controlling the property. The property is back on the market.

4. The 22nd 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.
5. Meeting with National Grid regarding fiber-we had a meeting on Tuesday, August 29 with National Grid, our public safety departments and our fiber contractor Bryan Hopkins Comm Tract. We made significant progress and I will continue to keep the Board updated.
6. Fall Town Meeting schedule- the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on the warrant on September 12, 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.

Reminders: Transfer Station-stickers are now available online for purchase at www.SuttonMA.org. Stickers are \$50 apiece.