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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:** 1/21/2020

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

- 1) FY 21 Budget update-the budget process is underway. We will be presenting the preliminary budget to the Select Board on February 18. The Finance and Warrant committee has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 22. We have two reserve fund transfers. The first is for public buildings repairs and maintenance for \$13,972. This is for unexpected repairs to the town hall elevator for \$5,202 and to the town hall water system for \$8,770. The second transfer is to the industrial schools for an additional student attending Norfolk Agricultural high school in the amount of \$15,054. We will present the five year forecast for the town and set up future finance committee public hearings for the FY21 budget.
- 2) Supplemental Ch. 90 Appropriation-Gov. Baker recently announced a supplemental budget that included an additional \$20 million in Chapter 90 funds. The town of Sutton will receive an additional \$46,373. Those funds with the usual appropriation of \$460,000 and the \$200,000 in the capital plan, we should have another good year of roads being repaired.
- 3) The Brave Act of 2018-At the Select Board meeting on February 4 our Veteran's Agent Carl Bradshaw will be in attendance to present the Brave Act. The Brave Act of 2018 was adopted by the state and allows for a full tax abatement for Goldstar families. Will discuss this in depth at the February 4 meeting.