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## TOWN OF SUTTON OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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### MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
**FROM:** JAMES SMITH  
**SUBJECT:** TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE  
**DATE:** 12/4/2018

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

- 1) Tax rate setting process-we have been working with Department of Revenue and after some recalculation the tax rate is going down an additional \$.01. So instead of a tax rate of \$16.53 is now \$16.52 the excess levy capacity is \$591.27. The Board has already signed LA5 certification.
- 2) Board of Health Smoking regulations-the Sutton Board of Health has voted in conjunction with the state to restrict the sale of tobacco products and nicotine to anyone under the age of 21. This law will go into effect at the state and the town on January 1, 2019. Most of the surrounding communities have adopted this language as well.
- 3) MassWorks Infrastructure program-on Tuesday, November 27 at 3 PM the Town hosted the Lieutenant Governor for a MassWorks grant announcement. The town received \$2,250,000 to install a natural gas line that will serve Primetals Technologies and the Gilmore Drive Industrial Park. A lot of folks were involved with this but no one more important than Jennifer Hager. Jen coordinated this entire process going off the previous MassWorks submission in 2013. I would like to thank Jen for all her efforts.
- 4) Road Improvements on Dudley, Marble, and Harback Road- the work is just about completed on these roads at a cost of \$325,425. We do have an additional \$9000 in police detail costs. All of these costs are reimbursable through the chapter 90 program. The total distance reconstructed is 6500 linear feet or 1.2 miles. The Marble/Harback intersection was a 3 foot radius in a 50% slope it is now a 5 foot radius and a 5% slope. I would like to thank Matt Stencel and JH Lynch for all their work. Matt is currently looking at Central Turnpike from Fuller Road to Route 146 for paving. The approximate cost is \$650,000.

- 5) Town Hall Christmas luncheon-will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 12 noon at Sutton Town Hall, Wally Johnson Meeting room. We would like to close town hall from 11:50 AM to 12:50 PM.
- 6) Jingle Jaunt-the Jingle Jaunt 5K road race will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 10:30 AM starting at the First Congregational Church. I would like to thank Howard Bottomly for continuing this annual tradition.