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TOWN OF SUTTON OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: JAMES SMITH
SUBJECT: TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE
DATE: 2/6/2019

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

- 1) State Aid-the Department of Revenue has come out with their preliminary cherry sheet estimates based upon the Governor's budget. The School Department will receive an additional \$26,520 in Chapter 70 aid and the town will receive \$21,793 UGGA monies. The state aid number will increase due in part to the estimated assessment and charges decreasing by \$35,000.
- 2) OPEB meeting-we had a meeting on Tuesday, January 29 with our new actuary Linda Bournival of KMS actuaries. She did a very thorough presentation of our OPEB liability which has grown from June 30, 2017 of \$27,448,000 to \$38,000,000. Part of the reason it had grown was due to the fact that the previous actuary did not include the opt-outs and people that had never enrolled in the town's health insurance. We will continue to fund the OPEB trust following the policy established by the Board of Selectmen and in the year 2035 the Worcester Regional Pension system is fully funded and we will use that revenue to fund the OPEB liability.
- 3) Patrolman Vacancy-Zachary Coderre is leaving the department to go to City of Westfield. We would like to wish Zachary the best in his future endeavors.
- 4) Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness- meeting of the working group for the MVP grant will be held at Blackstone National golf course on Thursday, February 7 from Noon to 3pm and Friday, February 8 from 9AM to 12PM. We would like to thank Michael Gordon for inviting us to use his facility.
- 5) Reminder: We will present the preliminary FY 2020 Budget at the next meeting on February 19th.