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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: 11/5/2019

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

- 1) The FY 2021 budget process and capital timeline-I've included a copy of the FY 2021 process attached to this update. As you can see the capital plan is out to department heads and the school department and due back on December 13. The budget instructions to department heads go out on December 6 and are due back January 10, 2020. I will present the preliminary budget to the Board of Selectmen at the February 18, 2020 meeting.
- 2) Fire Department Rescue University-a two day training was held on October 25 and 26th at the Wyman Gordon property in Grafton. The two day training was organized by Sutton Fire Chief Matt Belsito and supported by Massachusetts fire District 7. They used a number of vehicles and rescue skills including the Jaws of Life. Over 100 firefighters from multiple states attended. Congratulations to the fire department.
- 3) Sewer Project information-the Sewer Department, working closely with On-Site Engineering and our Communications Department has produced a brochure explaining the Sewer project from the Villas to the school complex. This brochure will be sent out to all residents as part of the census information sent out by the town clerk's office. I have attached a copy of the brochure to this update.
- 4) MVP grant process-We will be filing a grant for the MVP process to remove targeted trees that are deemed hazard trees. In the spring we will look to the capital plan to fund a feasibility study for possible replacement of the Transite pipe in the Wilkinsonville neighborhood. We will complete the feasibility study over the summer months and be ready to apply in the fall for an action grant.

- 5) Central Turnpike-the milling of the road took place starting on October 18. Paving started on October 30. The final coat should be done on November 7 weather permitting.
- 6) Jingle Jaunt 5K-Howie Bottomly is sponsoring his annual 5K road race on December 14, 2019 at 10:30 AM. For any of you that are interested I have attached registration form to this update.
- 7) Agera Bankruptcy- our aggregation supplier Agera has recently filed for bankruptcy. We have been in contact with Peregrine Associates and trying to identify our options. We are one of the creditors and have a claim against Agera. Agera is looking to sell the contracts to other providers which will relieve them of the claims. Agera and Constellation have agreed to a price for Constellation to acquire Agera's book of business, which will only occur if the trustee in bankruptcy approves of that sale. The Trustee is likely to hold an auction to see if any other supplier is willing to offer a higher price for Agera's book of business. This should mean that if all goes as planned, Sutton residents would not see any interruption in service or any change in their contract. I will continue to update you on this process.
- 8) Sewer issue at Blackstone Street pumping station-on Friday, November 1 at about 3 PM it was discovered that a significant amount of sewerage was leaking from a 8" force main going from Blackstone Street pumping station to the Millbury pump station. Mass DOT has been working at that site installing signage and installing curbing. In what amounted to an overnight event, the force main was temporarily repaired and DEP was aware of the outcome. I'd like to thank Sewer Superintendent Don Obuchowski and his crew as well as Sutton Fire, Sutton Highway, Sutton Police, Millbury DPW, Millbury Sewer Department. It was a great job and teamwork by everyone involved.