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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: 10/30/2018

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

- 1) \$125,000 State award-on Thursday, October 25 a photo op took place in front of the new Sutton police station with the presentation of a check in the amount of \$125,000 for public safety communications. These funds will go towards providing fiber to additional areas as well as additional public safety communication needs. Thank you to Sen. Ryan Fattman for all the work in getting this money for the town.
- 2) Town of Sutton Adopt a Banner program-we have been approached by Seamless Wraps of Millbury MA with a proposal to place business banners in the three Village Center districts of Wilks, Manchaug, and Sutton Center. They will approach businesses and sell the banner locations throughout these districts. Our plan is to have banners by the holiday season. Businesses will be able to buy two banners, one holiday and one historical for \$575 which includes the pole banner hardware, installation, and removal of the banners. The banners will be 30 inches wide by 60 inches in height.
- 3) Updated Town website- tomorrow an updated version of the town's website will be rolled out. The town committed to upgrading the website to an open source platform. This will allow the site to be available on tablets and smart phones and greater flexibility that the town can create content anytime and anywhere. Virtual Town Hall was acquired by Civic Plus and we have worked with Civic plus to update our website. We paid a one-time upgrade fee in the amount of \$6000 out of our budget. Our ongoing maintenance fee has not changed. We will provide a presentation November 13 of our updated website. We would like to thank April Eaton Brown for her wonderful photography featured on our website.

- 4) Town Farm Rd cell tower-John Arthur from Wireless Edge contacted me and told me that Sprint Spectrum would like to locate on the cell tower. This is a zoning board hearing but I don't expect too much of an issue. Every additional carrier on the cell tower brings additional money towards OPEB.
- 5) World War I Anniversary-the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War I is November 11, 2018. Carl Hutchinson plans on firing five shots from Big Ben at 11 AM in the morning. After the Cannon the Congregational church will ring their church bells to commemorate the end of the war.
- 6) Early Voting-early voting in Sutton began on Monday, October 22 at the town clerk's office. This option will continue until November 2. Election Day is November 6. Thanks to the town clerk's office for providing this option to Sutton voters.