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TOWN OF SUTTON

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Meeting Minutes

Minutes Accepted and Filed with the Town Clerk on August 21, 2007 : by vote of 5-0

7:00 p.m. – August 7, 2007

Sutton Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Members in Attendance:

Kevin Geraghty, Chairman
Michael Chizy, Vice Chairman
Ryan Fattman, Clerk
John Hebert
Michael Frustaci

Also in Attendance:

Laura Rodgers, Acting Town Administrator
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Chairman Geraghty calls the meeting to order at 7:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No discussion or comments under Public Forum

Selectman Frustaci motions to approve as presented minutes from the July 24th, 2007 Board of Selectmen Minutes, Selectman Fattman seconds the motion, All in Favor Passes 5-0

Selectman Frustaci motions to approve as presented Executive Session minutes from July 17th, 2007 and July 24th, 2007 Selectman Fattman seconds the motion, All in Favor Passes 5-0

Proclamation for Waters Farm 250th Birthday celebration (scheduled to take place August 11 & 12) read.

Manchaug Pond Association; Chairman Geraghty reiterates the vote previously taken at the April 3rd, 2007 meeting of not to endorse the Manchaug Pond district (4-0-1 vote). Selectman Hebert voices following concerns: cost to the individual homeowners; responsibility and maintenance over the years, certification on dam safety, maintenance for monitoring gage for water flow, cost factors. Selectman Frustaci is not comfortable setting up taxing authority. Selectman Fattman does not want to pit Pond Association against the Town if there are budget needs and is also concerned with the operating cost of controlling the dam. Selectman Geraghty offers opportunity for Attorney Jabs to respond to questions raised by the Selectmen. Attorney Jabs replies that the Manchaug Pond Association is

looking out for their property investments. He also reminds board that between Douglas and Sutton there would be a 60/40 vote to pass the new watershed district. Also on file with the Manchaug Pond Association, according to Atty. Jabs is the inspection on the dam performed in 2006, previous 5 years of operating expenses and a list of repairs completed. Selectman Geraghty says each side of issue has valid concerns and asks board if they would like to reconsider previous vote, hearing no comments, Selectman Geraghty entertains a motion to reconsider and endorse the watershed district, 1 in favor 4 opposed motion is defeated.

Selectman Geraghty at this time reads a statement from Selectman Hebert recusing himself on the next 2 agenda items as he is related to one of the applicants.

Sutton Auto LLC, 49 Worcester Providence Tpk., David Hebert; application for a Class II used vehicle license. David Hebert gives brief timeline of previous license at this location. The board reviewed Town Counsel opinion as there have been many discussions regarding these licenses on non conforming lots and the towns By-Laws. Selectman Frustaci motions to allow a reinstatement of a Class II license, Selectman Chizy seconds the motion, Motion passes 4-1-0

122 Worcester Providence Tpk LLC., Kenneth Linder, application for a Class II license at the previously owned Bob Rucci car dealership. The board reviewed Town Counsel opinion as there have been many discussions regarding these licenses on non conforming lots and the towns By-Laws. Selectman Chizy motions to approve a Class II license, Selectman Frustaci seconds, Motion passes 4-1-0

Sutton Cable Television revolving account: Pam Nichols is here to request the remaining \$29,080.00 be moved to stay in the Cable revolving account to use towards equipment. Accountant Tim Harrison is present and voices his approval, Tim agrees that there is to be a full disclosure as to where the money will be spent. Selectman Frustaci motions to move the \$29,080.00 in the Cable revolving account, Selectman Fattman seconds, All in favor, Passes 5-0

The Selectmen at this time approve a contract for James Smith, the new Town Administrator. The entire board feels Mr. Smith will be a good fit for the town and that the salary package being offered is solid. His scheduled start date is September 10, 2007. Selectman Frustaci motions to approve the Employee Contract as presented for Mr. James Smith, Selectman Fattman seconds the motion, All in Favor, Passes 5-0

TA Update:

Laura Rodgers updates board on Bond Council. Shaw Farm and capitol improvements bonds will be signed at the August 21 meeting.

Jen Hager reminds board of meeting in Millbury regarding the IMA.

Announcements:

Waters Farm 250th birthday celebration August 11 & 12,

Concert on the Common August 8,

Award of Recognition: Eagle Scout Joel Specter

Round Table:

Goal & Objective meeting, Pleasant Valley August 25th @ 8:30 a.m. Board agrees new TA, Jim Smith will be invited

Laura Rodgers and Jen Hager are invited to attend as well.

Chairman Geraghty entertains a motion to enter into brief Executive Session:

Selectman Frustaci so moves that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with the intention of returning back to open session for the purpose of adjournment. Selectman Chizy seconds the motion. All in Favor, Motion passes 5-0

