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## TOWN OF SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMAN

### Meeting Minutes

**Minutes Accepted and Filed with the Town Clerk on 5/20/08 by a vote of 5-0**

**7:00 p.m. – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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:**

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

No comments under Peoples Forum

Selectman Chizy motions to accept as presented, minutes from the April 22, 2008 Board of Selectmen meeting, Selectman Fattman seconds the motion, hearing no discussion it Passes 5-0

**Proclamation:**

Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month

Mr. Robert De Boer is present to accept the proclamation and to thank the Board of Selectmen for making the public aware of this for the last 5 years. This proclamation will be brought to the national meeting in Milwaukee this June. This is a very rare autoimmune disease that affects the nerve endings. Mr. De Boer has had M.G. since September of 2000. On June 9<sup>th</sup> Mr. De Boer will be at the Statehouse where he will discuss M.G. Selectman Chizy asks Mr. De Boer what the symptoms of this disease were for him as well as medication for M.G. Mr. De Boer replies that tired eyes & double vision were his first symptoms. All medications are experimental. Selectman Hebert comments on the courage that Mr. De Boer has to come and speak to the public about his condition. Hebert commends Mr. De Boer on his many years of community service. Selectman Frustaci asks if there are any other residents in the Town of Sutton with M.G., Mr. De Boer replies 1 other case that he is aware of. There are 70,000 people in the United States affected with this. After hearing no more discussion, the BOS sign the proclamation and wish Mr. De Boer well.

Three year appointment of Town Accountant Timothy Harrison: TA Smith requests the ratification of the reappointment to run until June 30, 2011. Tim has been the Town Accountant since February of 1995. TA Smith is very impressed with Tim, "he is a real value to the town as well as to the TA, he is a wealth of knowledge". Selectman Chizy feels Tim is very easy to talk to; Selectman Geraghty echoes all of the comments and feels Tim has served the town incredibly well. Selectman Chizy motions to ratify this three year appointment, Selectman Hebert seconds the motion all in favor passes 5-0

Town Administrator Update:

- \*Annual Town Meeting (5/12/08) meeting will open at the Early Learning Center and move to the High School gym. Check in will begin at 6:30. (Reporter for Mill-Sutt Chron will post in next edition and also recommends to forward to the Tele & Gaze., Selectman Geraghty would like bulletin boards in town to reflect location, Selectman Chizy asks if location postings can be posted next to where each warrant is posted.
- \*FY2009 Budget is complete and posted on web site along with the Budget message
- \*Verizon has responded to the IAR, every thing is moving fairly rapidly, now is time to negotiate
- \*Marions Camp meeting 5/22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 in BOS Meeting room is a f/u to the charette meeting at the ELC in April
- \*Manchaug Dam- water level is very low, to low to use for recreational purposes. TA Smith and Mark Brigham are Working with owner of the dam, Interface; as well as the Office of Dam Safety to try and raise the water level. The dam is not broken; the owners (Interface) are interpreting the regulations very conservatively. There was a meeting held on May 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the level. TA Smith is meeting with the Manchaug Pond Association on Friday to try and resolve issue.

Hearing no announcements we move on to round table:

- Selectman Chizy – The Town celebrated Arbor Day, 3 sugar maples were planted with the help of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- Selectman Hebert – meeting Wed. 5/7/08 in Worc (CMRPC) Last week attended an 11 town meeting with Mike Chizy at BVT to discuss a Proposal to Establish an 11 Town Economical Development Council. Selectman Hebert informs the board that all 11 towns would each be a stake holder in this council.
- Selectman Frustaci - glad to see Town Accountant reappointed. He also mentions the Sutton Girls Softball team won Friday against Douglas and today against Auburn.
- Selectman Fattman - thanks the Middle School students that participated in the Walk for Hunger. It is noted that out of the 20 mile walk, Selectman Fattman walked 5 miles.
- Selectman Geraghty – the Baseball season is officially underway after this past weekend's Little League Parade Employee Appreciation Day June 13<sup>th</sup> all Selectmen are invited.

**Selectman Frustaci moves that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining with the intention of returning back to open session for the purpose of adjournment, Selectman Chizy seconds All in favor passes 5-0**

**Board re enters regular BOS meeting:**

**Selectman Chizy motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., Selectman Fattman seconds All in favor passes 5-0**

