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## TOWN OF SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMAN

### Meeting Minutes

**Minutes Accepted and Filed with the Town Clerk on 6/17/08 by a vote 4-0-1**

**7:00 p.m. – May 20<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  
Debbie Jacques, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Geraghty calls the meeting to order at 7:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Geraghty calls for a moment of silence for the passing of Rene Hebert

Selectman Geraghty informs all that this is the last meeting for Selectman Michael Frustaci. He has been on the BOS for 6 years and did not run for re election.

Public Forum: Bill Connor of Bond Hollow Road thanks all the residents that attended the Town Meeting. Bill had a citizen's petition on the warrant asking to amend the Zoning Bylaw for the Village Center Zoning District. This motion did not pass; Bill feels there should be a review of the Zoning regulations to ensure they are appropriate for today's standards.

Selectman Chizy motions to approve the May 6, 2008 meeting minutes, Selectman Fattman seconds, all in favor passes 5-0  
Selectman Chizy motions to approve but not release the Executive Session minutes from May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Selectman Fattman seconds, all in favor passes 5-0

Memorial Day: TA Smith reviews the 2 parade routes for Memorial Day. There is a parade at 11:15 from the center common to the high school and a 2 pm parade from Bousquests to the Manchaug Common. Selectman Chizy asks all to come out to show support for those that have served the country.

Sutton Youth Baseball: SYB is requesting permission to use town owned property on the south-west corner of the intersection of Hough Road and Whitins Road (across from Hough Road Field on the old green lantern parcel) for additional parking. Also before the BOS is the request to have any fees for the proposed concession stand waived as well as sewer hook up fees. SYB would like to host larger events and the additional parking would be needed. Selectman Chizy agrees that more parking is needed; this property is accessible to the field. As far as waiving fees, Chizy feels anything that can be done to help

SYB should be done. Selectman Hebert is all for the additional parking, he does request for safety purpose, that a cross walk be painted by the highway and have SYB purchase signs for this. John also feels that if the fees can be relaxed to help SYB they should. Selectman Frustaci agrees with the cross walk and what ever can be done to reduce fees will be great. Selectman Fattman feels if it is fiscally prudent to waive the fees he is all for it. Selectman Geraghty is in agreement with all of the above. Town Planner Jen Hager is present to answer any questions the BOS may have regarding the parking area. Jen informs board that SYB must submit to Planning a site plan showing the current parking area next to the playground delineated and the proposed parking area as well as the cross walk that Selectman Hebert mentioned. Jen informed the BOS that if trees are removed and/or work is done within 200' of wetlands, they will have to file with Conservation. Hearing no further discussion the following 2 motions have been made:

Selectman Chizy motions to support SYB desire to expand the parking area at the Hough Road field complex on town owned property on the south-west corner of the intersection of Hough and Whitins Road, Selectman Fattman seconds the motion all in favor passes 5-0

Selectman Chizy motions to waive fees under the Board of Selectman jurisdiction associated with construction of the concession stand and requests that the Sewer Commissioners review and waive fees which fall under their jurisdiction, Selectman Fattman seconds all in favor passes 5-0

#### Town Administrator Update:

APR request on Whittier Farm- application received by the town, will be quite a bit more property then the Stevenson APR

Verizon: scheduled negotiation meeting to be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. K&P Bill Hewig will be present along with a representative from Verizon, TA Smith and Pam Nichols.

Website: TA Smith working with Paul Holzwarth and Pam Nichols to make the Town website user friendly as well as more attractive.

Manchaug Pond: had been a difficult issue for a few weeks but after meetings between the Dam owner Interface, DEP and Dam Safety, the boards have been replaced and the water level should start to rise. TA Smith also informs board that the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife have made some improvements to the boat ramp area.

AFG Grant: letter from Senator Kennedy received in support of this request.

#### Announcements:

Selectman Geraghty reminds the public of the 2 parades on Memorial Day as well as the Town Election scheduled for Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Round Table:

Selectman Frustaci would like to see the BOS look into the issues with the rezoning of the town center to help the small business owners. Mike feels the town has great small business owners and the BOS should help them.

Selectman Fattman believes in the proposal for the amendment regarding the rezoning in the center. At this time, Fattman asks for a moment of prayer for Senator Kennedy's health.

Selectman Geraghty agrees with Mike Frustaci regarding the Village Center District and Bill Connors business. Kevin also feels that it should not be up to one owner to try and explain a zoning issue to the public. Kevin feels if there were artisan shops, small restaurants and even boutiques, more people would visit the center of Sutton.

At this time, Selectman Frustaci thanks all that he has had the pleasure of serving with. He has truly enjoyed his time on the board. Mike wishes the Board of Selectmen and TA Smith much success.

Hearing no further discussion, Selectman Chizy motions to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Fattman seconds the motion all in favor passes 5-0

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm

