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TOWN OF SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Meeting Minutes

Minutes Accepted and Filed with the Town Clerk on ____ by a vote ____

7:00 p.m. – June 17, 2008

Sutton Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Members in Attendance:

Michael Chizy, Chairman
John Hebert, Vice-Chairman
Richard Hersom, Clerk
Kevin Geraghty, Member
Ryan Fattman, Member

Also in Attendance:

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

Selectman Chizy would like to take this time to recognize Fire Chief Paul Maynard for his 42 years of service to the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Selectman Chizy reads the "Legion of Merit" award along with 2 other letters thanking Paul for his service and commitment to his country. Selectman Hebert reads a proclamation issued by the Board of Selectmen speaking of Chief Maynards accomplishments. The entire Board gives heart felt thanks for his service to the country as well as the continued service to the Town of Sutton.

No discussion under Public Forum

Selectman Geraghty motions to approve the May 20th, 2008 minutes, Selectman Fattman seconds all in favor passes 4-0-1
Selectman Hersom motions to accept the revised June 3, 2008 minutes, Selectman Hebert seconds, all in favor passes 3-0-2
Selectman Hebert motions to accept but not release the Executive Minutes from June 3, 2008, Selectman Hersom seconds all in favor passes 3-0-2

Public Hearing for Pole Hearing for Hartness Road (National Grid single pole). Selectman Rick Hersom reads as advertised in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle, dated 5/29/08. Elaine Cronin is present to represent National Grid. Highway, Police and Fire have all responded with no issues regarding placement of the pole. Hearing no comments, Selectman Fattman motions to close the Public Hearing Selectman Hersom seconds, all in favor passes 5-0. Selectman Hersom motions to approve the request for a single pole installation on Hartness Road, Selectman Fattman seconds all in favor passes 5-0

Common Vic. for Kettle & Kone: Michael Cassata Sr. is present as the new owner for Kettle & Kone. Hours will extend 2 hours (from 7:00pm to 9:00pm) during summer to serve ice cream; no other changes in service are noted. Board wishes Mr. Cassata well as new owner. Selectman Geraghty motions to approve Common Vic., Selectman Hersom seconds, all in favor passes 5-0.

Marion's Camp presentation by Gates, Leighton & Associates: Present from Gates, Leighton is Chris Bradner, Arthur Eddy and Andrew Rollins. Gates, Leighton was hired to design a Master Plan for Marion's Camp. Chris Bradner reviews the Charette held in early April as well as the follow-up meeting in May. They are presenting a Master Plan that they feel is feasible for the site. They have designed a phasing plan (short term, mid term and long term). Access to the beach, parking and handicap accessibility are extremely important to residents and are all issues that can be addressed in the short term. Sewer and water issues will have to be investigated further. Mid term plans include a play ground area and a picnic/media area with a pavilion. Long term shows a guard station at point of entry, permanent restrooms and additional trails that extend into the high tension area. Arthur Eddy states that he enjoys working with the Town of Sutton. He feels they are truly invested in the town. Arthur Eddy feels that once changes get underway, it will become a champion for the town; residents will want to get involved. Selectman Geraghty questions how you get from one phase to another. Chris Bradner replies that a full survey by an engineer or a design firm is a must as well as a topographical site survey. Selectman Fattman praises Gates, Leighton for their work. Ryan was at Marion's Camp earlier today and watched the beginning stages with the demolition of Marion's house. Selectman Hebert is impressed with what is being presented by Gates, Leighton. He is very happy with the proposed access to the beach. Selectman Hersom commends Gates, Leighton on a job well done. Selectman Chizy echo's thoughts and states that he has enjoyed working with their design firm. Jim Smith says that the beauty with a master plan is that it is a road map to get where we want to go. Selectman Geraghty takes this time to thank Representative Jen Callahan for her continued support in this project as.

Sutton Millbury Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA)

TA Smith presents to the Board an agreement which has been approved by the Sutton Sewer Commissioners. It is a 25 year agreement which had been presented to the Town of Sutton at the 2006 Town Meeting (article 15). TA Smith applauds Bob Spain, Town Manager of Millbury, for getting this deal to become reality. The average daily flow will go from the current rate of 100,000gpd to 589,600gpd. The Board is happy that this has finally gotten to this point. Selectman Rick Hersom offers kudos to all involved for making this a reality. Selectman Mike Chizy feels that this came together when TA Smith became the Town Administrator and began working on it. TA Smith thanks Selectman Kevin Geraghty and Jen Hager for their long and dedicated work getting it to this point. Selectman Geraghty motions to ratify the Inter-Municipal Agreement for Sewerage between the Town of Millbury and the Town of Sutton, Selectman Fattman seconds the motion, all in favor passes 5-0

Discussion of joint meeting with the BOS, School Committee and Fin Com.: Selectman Hersom would like to discuss possibility of the TA coordinating semi annual meetings with the School Committee and Fin Com. in advance of crunch time before the budget season. Rick feels this would allow departments to be proactive rather than reactive. Rick also feels this would benefit the community in understanding the process of establishing a budget. Selectman Geraghty feels this is a good idea. Kevin feels that any flags that should be raised will help departments in advance. Kevin feels this would keep an open dialog between TA Smith, Tim Harrison and the School Committee. Selectman Fattman feels this would be a good mechanism for communication. There would be no surprises and it would offer dual benefits. Selectman Hebert feels this would help departments understand their budgets in greater detail. John welcomes these meetings and feels it would also help the public understand the process better. Selectman Chizy does not mind a few meetings but would like them to be after TA Smith receives the budget figures. Mike does not want to have a meeting and not have the correct information. TA Smith welcomes the idea of working with Tim Harrison and Sue Rothermich. Selectman Geraghty feels this would also help with discussing the debt schedule/debt exclusion and prioritizing capital needs of the town.

Teamsters & The Sutton Police Sergeants and Patrolmen's contracts: TA Smith presents both contracts signed. Jim states that both unions were very professional to negotiate with. Jim is pleased to have both contracts settled prior to their expiration dates. They are both 3 year contracts with a 2 % increase along with step increases. Selectman Geraghty motions to ratify the contract between Teamsters Union Local #170 and the Town of Sutton from July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2011, Selectman Hersom seconds the motion all in favor passes 5-0
Selectman Geraghty motions to ratify the contract between the Town of Sutton and the Sutton Police Sergeant's and Patrolmen's Association from July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2008, Selectman Fattman seconds the motion all in favor passes 5-0

Town Administrators Update:

- * Verizon Contract- still a few issues but very close to scheduling a Public Meeting with the BOS. This will be a 15 year agreement with an upfront capital payment of \$161,250 and an operating grant of 5% of operating revenue.
- Gravel Pit- in the process of putting together an RFP to procure appraisal services to establish the value of the property.
- Water Legislation- waiting for final corporate approval from Aquarion Water. Once in hand, it will be brought to the BOS and then given to Rep. Jen Callahan to move thru the legislature.
- Vacation carry over- TA Smith is requesting to carry over all unused vacation time into fiscal year 2009. Selectman Geraghty motions to approve the carrying over of unused vacation time, Selectman Hersom seconds the motion, all in favor passes 5-0

No Announcements

Round Table:

Selectman Geraghty reads a “Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve” for those that are employed by the town.

Selectman Hebert requests that this be displayed at the entrance of the Town Hall

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:35pm