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TOWN OF SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Meeting Minutes

Minutes Accepted and Filed with the Town Clerk on July 15, 2008 by a vote 4-0

7:00 p.m. – July 01, 2008
Sutton Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room

Members in Attendance:

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

Also in Attendance:

James Smith, Town Administrator
Debbie Jacques

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

No discussion under Public Forum

Selectman Hebert motions to approve the June 17, 2008 minutes, Selectman Fattman seconds all in favor passes 4-0

Reappointments:

Selectman Hersom reads as listed, reappointments for various boards and committees (as attached): Selectman Hebert motions to approve all appointees as read, Selectman Hersom seconds the motions, all in favor passes 4-0
Selectman Hersom reads as listed, reappointments made by the Town Administrator (as attached): Selectman Fattman motions to ratify the appointments made by the Town Administrator, Selectman Hersom seconds the motion, all in favor passes 4-0

Amendment to Building Dept Fees, fee changes for Electrical, Plumbing and Gas: Building Commissioner John Couture is present to request the changes as presented. John was in front of the BOS in April for Building dept fee increases, but after reviewing a second time saw the need for amendments. John explains the method used was comparing the Town of Suttons fees to 8 to 10 comparable communities in the area and making an effort to be in the middle range. Selectman Hebert agrees with the amendments, Selectman Hersom asked what methodology was used to arrive at the new minimum fees, TA Smith responded that two areas are looked at 1) revenue vs expense and 2) comparable communities, TA Smith goes on to include that the fees must be adjusted to go along with the economy. Hearing no further comments, Selectman Hersom motions to accept the Memorandum of the Amendment to Building Dept. fees Selectman Fattman seconds, all in favor passes 4-0. John Couture goes on to present increases for the:

Wiring Department. Electrical Inspector Larry Morris set the fees with the help of the NFPA70 standardized system. John informs BOS that the fees collected (80 to 120% of operating cost) makes it possible to provide services not to make money. Selectman Fattman motions to accept the Wiring Dept. fees as presented, Selectman Hersom seconds the motion all in favor passes 4-0.

Plumbing Department: A very small increase here, what was added is a Plan Review Fee which is a one time fee for commercial business. John Couture feels the small changes are cost effective, TA Smith feels we are where we should be with these fees. Selectman Hersom motions to accept the Plumbing Dept. fees as presented, Selectman Fattman seconds the motion, all in favor passes 4-0

Gas Permit Fees: also added to this is a Plan Review Fee. TA Smith informs BOS that this was another area where we needed to be. Hearing no comments, Selectman Fattman motions to accept the Gas Permit Fees as presented, selectman Hebert seconds the motion all in favor passes 4-0

Fire Department Fee changes: Chief Paul Maynard is here to discuss adjustments to the fees in the Fire Dept. Chief Maynard felt some areas required an increase while some a decrease. Increases are due in part to code changes which require increased inspections. Decreases will be for re inspections. Chief Maynard goes on to say larger jobs such as commercial buildings, with hundreds of sprinkler heads require each head must be inspected resulting in a 4 hour inspection. Other areas of inspections include propane tanks, oil or gas trucks housed in the Town of Sutton and tar kettles (used to tar roof tops). Selectman Fattman voices that John Couture and Paul Maynard did a very good job with the town comparisons, Selectman Hebert and Hersom echo Ryans thoughts hearing no further discussion, Selectman Hersom motions to accept the Fire Department fee changes, Selectman Fattman seconds the motion, all in favor passes 4-0

Wilkinsonville Water District request to install water mains under the public bridle path aka Cart Road.: TA Smith presents to the BOS this request. Passage under this path is necessary to allow Wilks. Water District to finalize the Woodbury Well project and is essential to the development on Route 146. TA Smith goes on to say that under the Wilks Water District Charter, the BOS must vote to allow this. The board all agrees that to enhance commercial growth on 146 this must be allowed. After brief discussion, Selectman Fattman motions to allow Wilkinsonville Water District to lay water lines along the public bridle path aka Cart Road, Selectman Hersom seconds the motion, all in favor passes 4-0

Town Administrator Update:

- Verizon Contract- request the BOS for a Public Hearing on July 15th. A few of the terms agreed to includes 15 yr. Agreement, upfront capital payment of \$161,250, a grant to the Senior Center
- Transfer Station: Erik Bentley hired as new operator. Many improvements since he began there.
- Water Legislation- Aquarion Water will also be before the bos at next meeting. After the meeting on July 15th, it will then go to the State House, Rep. Callahan will follow thru with this process. TA Smith takes this time to publicly thank Michelle Desourcy from Aquarion for her help in this process.

Selectman Chizy takes this time to review a letter from Mass Highway regarding the project at Boston Road and 146. This project has been pushed off and dropped to the bottom of the project list. Selectman Fattman feels Lt. Governor Tim Murray should be sent a letter asking for his help in this matter. Selectman Hebert will take this letter to the next CMRPC Meeting to be held on July 9th. Selectman Hersom thanks John for articulating this project and agrees with Ryan as far as contacting Lt Gov. Murray for his support.

Selectman Hersom questions the letter sent from Senator Moore regarding COLA. TA Smith gives his thoughts on the letter. All are in agreement that this is just legislature taking the heat off of themselves and passing it on to the towns.

No Announcements

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm

