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TOWN OF SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Meeting Minutes

Minutes Accepted and Filed with the Town Clerk on 8/5/08 by a vote 4-0-1

7:00 p.m. – July 15, 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 Fattman motions to approve the July 1, 2008 minutes, Selectman Hersom seconds, all in favor passes 4-0

Public Hearing Verizon Cable Franchise

Selectman Rick Hersom reads the Public Notice as advertised in the Worc. Telegram under legal notices (7/1/08 & 7/8/08). TA Smith begins by thanking his negotiation team as well as Verizon and Atty. Bill Hewig from Kopelman & Paige. TA Smith feels the discussions were very fair. Atty. Bill Hewig reviews the summary of the Verizon Proposal. Hewig recommends the license as proposed. Verizon representatives present include, Peter Bowman, Jim McGrail, Paul Powell and Ellen Cummings. Verizon officials said that with 85% of Sutton already wired for fiber optics, residents should be able to start receiving service within a few days. Verizon officials also think the competition with Charter is likely to bring the rates down. Verizon does not issue senior citizen discounts in any of the towns currently licensed but TA Smith informs BOS that the Verizon Foundation awarded a \$4500.00 grant to the Senior Center to purchase lap tops and Wi-Fi service. Selectman Fattman states that the town of Sutton is very supportive of its seniors. After brief discussion, Selectman Chizy asks if there is any one from the public that wishes to address the BOS. Pam Donovan, 93 McClellan Road feels Verizon offers exceptional quality of customer services and it is great to be able to offer the town this service. Mike Daves, 83 Hartness Road asks where the demarcation on houses would be, Verizon officials state it goes from the pole to the side of the house or into the basement. Daves questions 911 services, Verizon states 911 functions in the same manner. At this time, Mike Daves recommends Verizon be made available to residents in the town, he feels the competition is good. Hearing no further comments, Selectman Hebert motions to close the public hearing, Selectman Fattman seconds, all in favor public hearing closed. Selectman Rick Hersom motions to enter

into agreement with Verizon for a Cable Television license under MGL Ch 166A for the term of 15 years and all other terms agreed upon between the Town of Sutton and Verizon, Selectman Ryan Fattman seconds, all in favor passes 4-0.

Aquarion Water: TA Smith discusses the final draft of a proposed Home rule petition on behalf of the Town to create a district that allows a private water company to operate in the Town of Sutton. The goal is to provide potable water through the center of town to the school complex. TA Smith continues by informing BOS that Representative Jen Callahan will file the petition at the State House. Ultimately the authority rests with the Board of Selectmen. All of the selectmen agree that this is a must. Selectman Chizy voices that the school has needed this for quite a while. Hearing no further discussion, Selectman John Hebert motions to approve the Home rule petition authorizing Aquarion Water company to establish a water distribution and water supply system in a portion of the Town of Sutton as described and to forward the petition to the General Court of Massachusetts for enactment, Selectman Rick Hersom seconds, all in favor passes 4-0

Disposition of 23 Main Street: TA Smith gives brief history of this property. It was taken in 2003 under tax title and owner of 25 Main Street, Keith Orphan has inquired on purchasing the property. TA Smith asks the board to determine the process wished to sell the property. He continues by saying that an auction at the site does not require a town meeting vote. The Assessors office has determined the land valued at \$7100.00. Hearing no discussion, Selectman Fattman motions to declare surplus and dispose of Town owned property at 23 Main St. by legal means to be determined by Town Administrator and Town Counsel for the minimum sale price of \$7000.00, Selectman Hersom seconds, all in favor passes 4-0

Town Administrator Update:

- * Annual goals meeting @ an offsite location scheduled for August 23rd 8am-11am
- * MORE grant in the amount of \$500,000. for infrastructure improvements related to Atlas box and their new location on route 146
- Roof issues at Early Learning Center, report back recommends replacing roof. Selectman Chizy suggests checking into alternative systems for power and heat (solar). Chizy says efficiency is a must. TA Smith will research grants that may be available to help.
- Tri Centennial Park a little delay, should start in September and be completed by October.
- End of Year Transfer Request: Town Accountant Tim Harrison has requested Board of Selectmen approve the transfers listed, once approved by the BOS it will then go to the Finance Committee for their approval. Selectman Fattman motions to approve per MGL Ch 44 S 33B (b) to authorize that transfers to end Fiscal Year 2008, Selectman Hebert seconds all in favor passes 4-0

Announcements

Selec. Hersom asks Selec. Chizy status of the Food Pantry, Chizy replies any donations are welcome and needed.

Round Table:

Selec. Fattman asks about a BOS meeting at the Senior Center, Selec. Chizy will talk to Michelle for date & time. Selec. Hersom asks what steps have been taken for the Friends of Marion's Camp. TA Smith says he is working with Ryan discussing ideas, TA Smith has drafted by-laws. Ryan states at this time that there is an informal meeting at Tonys on July 22nd at 6:30. Anyone interested may attend. Selec. Hebert suggests inviting Lake Singletary President Tim Vanderlinden to the meeting.

Hearing no further discussion, Selectman Hersom motions to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Hebert seconds the motion all in favor passes 4-0

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm