

March 4, 2014 Town Meeting Minutes:

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SUTTON TOWN MEETING

MARCH 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Marlin “Chip” Devenger at 10:00 A.M.

Moderator Marlin (Chip) Devenger announced the tables that had the ballots for NEK Waste Management District and School Budget are opened from 10:00 A. M. to 7:00 P.M.

Warning was read by Marlin (Chip) Devenger, Moderator

Article 1 To elect a Moderator

Gale Berry motioned to nominate Marlin (Chip) Devenger as Moderator;

Clint Gray 2nd the motion

Motion to cease nominations by Glen Stine – 2nd by Dave Tucker

Vote was by hand in the affirmative

Marlin (Chip) Devenger was elected the Moderator for SuttonTown (43rd year)

Article 2 To elect a Town Clerk

Clint Gray motioned to nominate George Colburn

Celeste Girrell 2nd the motion

Karen Degreenia motioned to nominate Debby Ogden

Gale Berry 2nd the motion

Jennifer Berry motioned to nominate Carly Rainy

Darla Barry 2nd the motion

Carly Rainy declined stating “thanks, but I am supporting George”

Motion to cease nominations by Glen Stine – 2nd by Larry Seymour

Vote Cast 125; needed 63; George Colburn 91; Debby Ogden 33

George Colburn elected the Town Clerk for SuttonTown

Article 3 To elect a Town Treasurer

Don Cheney motioned to nominate George Colburn

Clint Gray 2nd motion

Motion to cease nominations by Larry Seymour – 2nd by Norbet Patoine

Vote was by voice in the affirmative

George Colburn elected the Town Treasurer for SuttonTown

Article 4 To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Norbet Patoine motioned to nominate Joe Solinsky for Select Board for 3 years

David Tucker 2nd motion

Gale Berry motioned to nominate Dana Patoine for Select Board – Dana declined

Motion to cease nominations by Norbet Patoine - 2nd by Clint Gray

Clerk to cast one ballot

Joe Solinsky elected to the Select Board for 3 years

Paul Brouha motioned to nominate Mary Gray for Lister for 3 years

Clint Gray 2nd motion

Motion to cease nominations by Larry Seymour – 2nd by Norbet Patoine

Motion that the Clerk should cast one ballot made by Norbet Patoine

Celeste Girrell 2nd

Mary Gray elected Lister for 3 years

Dianne Simpson motion to nominate Elaine Bandy for Auditor for 3 years

Clint Gray 2nd motion

Motion to cease nominations by Norbet Patoine – 2nd by Gale Berry

Clerk to cast one ballot

Elaine Bandy elected for Auditor for 3 years

Debby Jackson motioned to nominate Sue Cheney for Auditor for 1 year (due to vacancy) -

Don Cheney 2nd motion

Janet Tuthill motioned to nominate Karen Degreenia

Jason Berry 2nd motion

Vote Cast 106; Sue Cheney 55; Karen Degreenia 51

Sue Cheney elected Auditor for 1 year

Kurt Nygren motioned to nominate Don Cheney for First Constable

Norbet Patoine 2nd motion

Don Cheney declined (prohibited by law since wife, Sue, was elected as Auditor)

Don Cheney motion to nominate Kurt Nygren

Jean Solinsky 2nd motion

Motion to cease nominations by Glen Stine – 2nd by Gale Berry

Voice Vote in the affirmative

Kurt Nygren elected First Constable for 1 year

Don Cheney motioned to nominate Jeremy Lawson for Second Constable

Jean Solinsky 2nd motion

Voice Vote in the affirmative

Jeremy Lawson elected Second Constable for 1 year

Shirley Lay motioned to nominate Clint Gray for Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Paul Brouha 2nd motion

Voice Vote in the affirmative

Clint Gray elected Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year

Celeste Girrell motioned to nominate Kathy Keizer for Town Grand Juror

Clint Gray 2nd motion

Voice Vote in the affirmative

Kathy Keizer elected as Town Grand Juror for 1 year

Elizabeth Holden motioned to nominate Glen Stine for Town Agent

Deanna Colburn 2nd motion

Voice Vote in the affirmative

Glen Stine elected as Town Agent for 1 year

Elizabeth Holden motioned to nominate James Witherspoon, Jr. for Agent to Convey Real Estate

Sharon Nichols 2nd motion

Voice Vote in the affirmative

James Witherspoon, Jr elected for Agent to Convey Real Estate for 1 year

Norbet Patoine motioned to nominate the Selectmen for Water Commissioners

Clint Gray 2nd motion

Paul Brouha motioned to cease nominations – 2nd by Gale Berry

Voice vote in the affirmative

Selectmen elected for Water Commissioners for 1 year

Glen Stine motioned to nominate Pat Jackson for Sexton of Cemeteries

Clint Gray – 2nd motion

Norbet Patoine motioned to cease nominations – 2nd by Dave Tucker

Voice vote in the affirmative

Pat Jackson elected Sexton of Cemeteries for 1 year

Article 5 Shall the Town authorize the Select board to hire money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes to meet current expenses for the ensuing year and how much?

Norbet Patoine moved to borrow up to \$100,000.00

Celeste Girrell 2nd motion - Voice vote in the affirmative

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes paid into the treasury as provided by law and to set the date.

Clint Gray moved to have taxes paid into the treasurer by November 3, 2014

Paul Brouha 2nd

Lori Simpson amended motion to change the date to November 7, 2014

Joan Tucker 2nd

Voice vote in the affirmative to have taxes paid into the treasury by

November 7, 2014

Article 7 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate in an amount sufficient to support the adopted budgets and any special appropriation articles when the Grand List is complete.

Larry Seymour moved to authorize the Select Board to set the tax rate

Gale Berry 2nd - Voice Vote in the affirmative

Article 8 Shall the Town approve the following appropriations?

Paul Brouha motioned to approve Article 8 – Clint Gray 2nd

Dianne Simpson amendment Burke Senior Meal Site from \$100.00 to \$250.00

Dave Tucker 2nd

Paul Brouha moved the question

Voice Vote in the affirmative to increase the appropriations by \$150.00 totaling \$24,191.34.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00Noon

Back to Order at 1:00 P.M.

Article 9 Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed General budget in the amount of \$275,921.25 and the Highway Budget in the amount of \$427,463.32 for the ensuing year as printed in the Town Report?

Dave Tucker moved to adopt the budgets; Gale Berry 2nd

Voice vote in the affirmative

Article 10 Town of Sutton voters are hereby notified to vote by Australian Ballot between 10:00AM until 7:00PM on Town Meeting day to authorize the Northeast Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$694,978.00.

Ballots Cast: _____: Yes _____: No _____: Spoiled _____

The Budget: _____

Article 11 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Moderator explained we cannot pass anything under this article.

Dave Tucker would like to make an advisory motion:

I move that the Town of Sutton express our concern over the potential transport of tar sands oil through Vermont. And that the Town of Sutton call upon the Governor, the Vermont State Legislature and our Federal Representatives to ensure thorough environmental impact reviews of any tar sands – related pipeline proposals, including the health and safety impacts of potential tar sands oil spills. 2nd by Celeste Girrell; Annetta Schultz

Paul Brouha has spoken with Peter D. Van Oot, attorney for the Portland Pipeline Corporation, who stated there is no such proposal yet. Paul explained that District 7 Environmental Commission has permitting authority over these decisions. The Moderator stated that we are sending a message by a non-binding vote. YES 30 NO 14 Passed for sending a message

Dana Patoine, Sutton Volunteer Fire Department update. The new fire department building should be about \$100,000.00 under budget thanks to Larry Seymour overseeing the project and saving money on the sprinkler system. They are planning on holding an open house and a Flag Raising in June. The number of volunteers is growing--to 19 members which is the largest of the volunteer fire departments in mutual aid.

We also want to thank outgoing Town Clerk Debby Ogden for bringing us into the 21st Century and the computer age. She has done the best she could and we want to thank her for her efforts. Some of us may find ourselves in a similar position some day and would appreciate being thanked for our efforts also. We all need to be supportive of each other and now is time to heal and move forward.

Linda Britt said that the town report is very difficult to read and inaccurate, plus was not out in time for all the residents to go through it. Chip suggested that possibly the mistakes be corrected on the figures for the 2013 town budget and a corrected copy be available to the residents in a few weeks. This was just a suggestion.

Article 12 To adjourn said meeting

Motion was made by Clint Gray – Joan Tucker 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 1:35PM

A true record of the minutes

Attest: _____

Minutes review and accepted on _____ date

Select Board:

Signatures/typed names

Jeffrey "Joe" Solinsky

Scott Spencer

Timothy Simpson