

Sutton Select Board Meeting
August 31, 2017

Tim Simpson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Attending: Derick Jenkins; Lucien Belanger; Paul Brouha; Danielle Fortin; Tim Simpson; Scott Spencer; Joe Solinsky, Dan Jackson, Mary Gray

Additions or Deletions: none

Scott Made a motion accept the July 27, 2017 minutes as printed. Joe seconded the motion. Tim called for the vote. All vote in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report stating as of August 31, 2017 there is \$106,173.47 in the checking account. Scott made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Joe seconded. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative.

The selectmen requested the line of credit be paid by the town clerk, no motion was made.

Delinquent tax report was handed to the selectmen.

Derrick Jenkins, Sutton Fire Department representative. Derrick explained the Weston, CT. fire dept. where they purchased their yellow fire truck now has a tanker for sale. The Sutton Fire Dept. paid \$15,000.00 for the yellow fire truck. The Weston Town Manager wants to put the tanker out to bid with a starting bid of \$15,000.00. The Sutton Fire Dept. trustees want to put in a bid for \$18,001.00 for the tanker, but do not have the funds readily available to them they only have \$3,000.00 in their own account towards a truck. The selectmen stated in December 2017 they would get the appropriation of \$3,000.00 (or if they need it sooner, that would be accommodated). The selectmen discussed taking a 3 year note out for the fire dept. with the funds that the town gives the fire dept. each year go towards the note. Traditionally the budget committee reserves \$3,000.00 for the fire department reserve and that will be applied to the note.

Scott made a motion for the town to take a 3 year note out for \$9,000.00 for a sealed bid on a 1997 Peterbilt pumper tanker. The first payment will be the \$3,000.00 appropriated in 2018. Joe seconded motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative.

Paul Brouha: Paul came to talk about the community policing, but wanted to discuss the zoning by-laws first. There are two residents of Sutton that has requested campgrounds on their property that the by-laws have not address in residential or scenic districts but only in industrial districts. One request being on 5A the other on Wheelock Road. The selectmen need to make the decision if they want to do an amendment to the by-laws for these situations. Paul explained that this will have to have hearings before the selectmen make the decision on amending the by-laws as conditional use in the residential/scenic districts for campgrounds. The selectmen want to go forward with this.

Paul stated that Joe Rossi from the sheriff's department had a conversation with him about community policing. Joe stated that the town could get a portion of money from speeding tickets. Paul suggested

the board invite Joe Rossi to a meeting to discuss this. Paul suggested they may be a way to enforce 4-wheelers on the roads along with signage and speed ordinances. Scott stated he will call the Sheriff Dean Shatney about this.

Junk ordinance was tabled from last meeting. The Department of Environmental Commission has been involved on the case of Route 5. The property has been cleaned up (somewhat) the horse has been moved to the back of the property along with the barn. The fencing it now not against the neighbor's house. The selectmen requested that Danielle and Gail get the selectmen air photos from google search along with the names of the property owners for the selectmen to handle.

The selectmen requested Lucien Belanger and Paul Brouha work on a junk ordinance. Priority is to define "junk" with a definition.

The cost of fixing the grader was \$25,000.00. The selectmen wanted to make sure Danielle took the money from the highway budget and not general.

The selectmen stated to turn all the dog problems over to Candance Dane to handle. The town has written the letters and have done all the fines and those that are not in compliance will now be turned over to Candance.

Warrants and checks were signed

The selectmen requested Danielle to place the Plow bids in in the paper to be opened at the next meeting for September 28, 2017. The selectmen want the ad to include proof of liability insurance is required with the bid.

Danielle updated the board on an issue that was discovered at the cemetery. The company that was erecting a grave stone was doing research before setting the stone and discovered that the records showed another name as owner of that plot. The original name was not recorded, so that same plot was sold to another resident. Dan stated that he and Pat will be walking the cemetery with the original owner to find another plot.

A letter was received from Everett and Joan Hartwell requesting to purchase a cemetery plot in Sutton.

Scott made a motion to accept the request from Everett and Joan Hartwell to purchase a cemetery plot at the Sutton cemetery. Joe seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative.

Scott made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. Joe seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative.

Mary Gray
Clerk