

Sutton Annual Town Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

The Legal Voters of the Town of Sutton, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sutton School Multi-Purpose Room in Sutton, Vermont on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 beginning at 10:00 A.M. to act on the following articles of business. Polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. to vote by Australian Ballot on Article 10: Waste Management District Budget of \$755,527.00; Article 11: To Adopt the Revised Unified Development Bylaws; and School District Article 2: Sutton Town School District budget of \$2,719,905., Sutton Town School District.

NOTICE TO VOTERS: Residents, who are not already on the voter check list, may register to vote the day of Town Meeting.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator: Joe Solinsky, Chairman of Select Board called for nominations. Marlin "Chip" Devenger was nominated by Darlene Ahrens and seconded by Gale Berry and Dave Tucker. There were no other nominations: Hand vote was taken in the affirmative Marlin "Chip" Devenger was elected as Moderator

Article 2: To elect a Town Clerk:  
Danielle Fortin was nominated by Dennis Royer and seconded by Celeste Girrell. There were no other nominations: Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.  
**Danielle Fortin was elected as Town Clerk**  
The Clerk was given the Oath of Office by Marlin "Chip" Devenger

The voters thanks George Colburn for his 3 years of being the Town Clerk and wished him well.

Article 3: To elect a Town Treasurer  
Danielle Fortin was nominated by Debby Jackson and seconded by Norbert Patoine. There were no other nominations: Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.  
**Danielle Fortin was elected as Town Treasurer**

Article 4: To elect all necessary officers for the ensuring year.

Select Board Member (3 year term)  
Joe Solinsky was nominated by Paul Brouha and seconded by Gale Berry. There were no other nominations: Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.  
**Joe Solinsky was elected Select Board Member for 3 years**

Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year)  
Clint Gray was nominated by Paul Brouha and seconded by Larry Seymour. There were no other nominations: Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.  
**Clint Gray was elected as Collector of Delinquent Taxes 1 year**

First Constable (1 year)  
Kurt Nygren was nominated by Rick Jackson and seconded by Gale Berry. There were no other nominations: Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.  
**Kurt Nygren was elected as First Constable for 1 year**

Second Constable (1 Year)  
There were no nominations:  
The Moderator stated that if there are no nominations, this is passed over and have the Select Board appoint.

Auditor (3 years)

Elaine Bandy was nominated by Norbert Patoine and seconded by Larry Seymour. There were no other nominations. Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.

**Elaine Bandy was elected Auditor for 3 years**

Lister (3 years)

There were no nominations:

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Town Grand Juror (1 year)

Kathy Keizer was nominated by Celeste Girrell and seconded by Carol Brouha. There were no other nominations. Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.

**Kathy Keizer was elected as Town Grand Juror for 1 year**

Town Agent (1 year)

Glen Stine was nominated by Celeste Girrell and seconded by Larry Seymour. There were no other nominations. Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.

**Glen Stine was elected as Town Agent for 1 year**

Agency to Convey Real Estate (1 year)

John Sylvester was nominated by Tim Simpson and seconded by Celeste Girrell. There were no other nominations. Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.

**John Sylvester was elected as Agency to Convey Real Estate for 1 year**

Water Commissioners (1 year)

The Select Board was nominated by Annette Barrett and seconded by Norbert Patoine. There were no other nominations. Hand vote was taken in the affirmative

**The Select Board was elected for Water Commissioners for 1 year**

Sexton of Cemeteries (1 year)

Pat Jackson was nominated by Glen Stine and seconded by Mary Waldron. There were no other nominations. Hand vote was taken in the affirmative.

**Pat Jackson was elected as 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?

**Joe Witt moved to borrow up to \$100,000; seconded by Larry Seymour. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken in the affirmative. Motion passed**

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to have all taxes paid into the treasury as provided by law and to set the date.

**Tim Simpson moved to have the taxes paid into the treasurer by November 6, 2017. Seconded by Scott Spencer and Celeste Girrell. Voice vote was taken in the affirmative. Motion passed**

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

**Candance Heath moved to authorize the Select Board to set the tax rate and seconded by Clint Gray. Voice vote was taken in the affirmative. Motion passed**

Article 8: Shall the Town of Sutton approve the following requests for appropriations:

A. North Woods Stewardship Center	\$ 250.00
B. Green Up Vermont	\$ 100.00
C. Northeast Kingdom Human Services	\$ 1,080.00
D. Northeast Vermont Development Association	\$ 772.00
E. Northeastern Youth Baseball/Softball	\$ 350.00
F. Lyndon Rescue	\$22,880.00
G. Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	\$ 100.00
H. The Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 1,000.00
I. Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$ 250.00
J. Rural Community Transportation, Inc.	\$ 700.00
K. Sheffield Food Shelf	\$ 360.00
L. Cobleigh Public Library	\$ 1,000.00
M. Fairbanks Museum	\$ 700.00
N. Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging	\$ 385.00
O. Powers Park / VIS	\$ 1,000.00
P. Darling Inn Senior Meal Site	\$ 250.00
Q. Umbrella	\$ 700.00
R. Burke Senior Meal Site	\$ 250.00
S. Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice	\$ 350.00
T. Stars & Stripes	\$ 50.00
U. VT Rural Fire Prot. Task Force	\$ 100.00
V. Big Heavy World	\$ 250.00
W. Comm. Restorative Justice	\$ 250.00

**David Tucker motioned to accept Article 8, second by Paul Brouha.** Discussion was on Big Heavy World and wanted to know if anyone was there to explain what they did for Sutton residents. No one was there that could explain their program to the voters.

**Paul Brouha made a motion to amend Article 8 to omit Big Heavy World, second by Darla Hodge**

**Moderator Devenger called for a voice vote on the amendment to omit Big Heavy World. Voice voted in the affirmative. Amended Motion passed**

**Moderator Devenger called for a voice vote on the original motion. All voted in the affirmative.**

**Article 9: Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed general and highway fund budgets for the ensuing year as printed in the Town Report?**

**Celeste moved to adopt the budgets; second by Gale Berry**

**Tim Simpson amended the motion to read that the breakdown of each budget should be General Fund \$196,769.82; Highway \$352,316.48; Reserved-Other \$11,000.00 for a total of \$560,086.30. Second by Scott Spencer.**

**Moderator Devenger called for a voice vote on the amendment. Voice vote was in the affirmative. Moderator Devenger called for a voice vote on the original motion. Voice vote was in the affirmative.**

**Article 10: Town of Sutton voters are hereby notified to vote by Australian Ballot between 8:00 A.M**

until 7:00 P.M. on Town Meeting day to authorize the Northeast Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$755,527.00

Ballots Cast: 165; Yes: 134 No: 29 Blank: 2 Spoiled: 0

Article 11: Town of Sutton voters are hereby notified to vote by Australian Ballot between 8:00 AM and until 7:00 PM to Adopt the Revised Unified Development Bylaws.

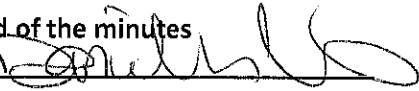
Ballots Cast: 165 Yes: 114 No: 46 Blank: 4 Spoiled: 1

Article 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.  
Moderator Devenger stated, hearing none, we will move to the next article

Article 13: To Adjourn: Annette Barrett motioned to adjourn; seconded by Larry Seymour.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:19AM

A true record of the minutes

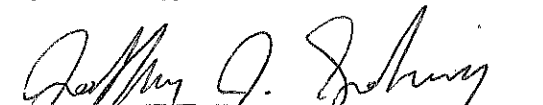
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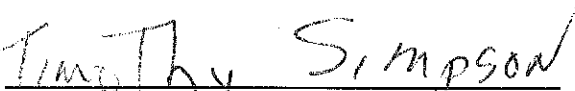



Minutes reviewed and accepted on 3.15.17 Date

Select Board:

Signatures/typed names

  
Jeffrey Joseph Solinsky

  
Timothy Simpson

  
Scott Spencer