

Sutton Select Board Meeting
November 30, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tim Simpson, Chairman at 5:00PM

Attending the meeting: Roy Vance, Caledonia Side Judge; Larry Seymour, Deb Jackson, Rick Jackson; Gail Weed, George Colburn; Gary Leach, Tata & Howard; Select Board: Tim Simpson; Joe Solinsky; Scott Spencer; Mary Gray, Clerk

Addition or deletions to agenda: none

Scott made a motion to approve the October 28, 2015 minutes. Joe seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed

Scott made a motion to accept the November 30, 2015 treasurer's report as printed. Joe seconded the motion. Discussion was the checking account balance 11-30-15 is \$390,669.48 for highway and general fund. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Roy Vance: Explained the Sheriff budget: Budget is \$10,000.00 down from last year. The expenses will be down because reduction of an employee that was handling passports, notary fees, payroll, accounts payable, but there is lack of income to pay for that position so they figure by contracting this out, they will be saving money. The clerk was making \$40,000 plus benefits and they feel this will be a savings. The last budget was for 18 months to get the county on a fiscal year. Sutton's payment will be \$11,191.00.

Gary Leach, Tata & Howard: The state water division has been satisfied. Gary stated a couple of changes were made and now a permit should be issued in two weeks. Gary met with the engineer last week, and he feels we should be on par for advertising in January 2016. Joe wants to know if there are any more items to be ironed out with the state and Gary said no. The first week of January 2016 the bids will go out. Gary will shorten the time frame to 4 months. Scott wants to order the equipment and have it here before the construction starts. Gary said no, that would be adding to the cost. Gary will contact each of the companies to make sure various companies submit a proposal, as last time there were certain companies that did not. Gary also stated there was a company that submitted a proposal to work with nitrates and this company has not worked with nitrate before, so items will needed to be checked out. USDA also has requirements to make sure there is fair an open competition. Gary will be at the next meeting in December to update.

Larry Seymour, Sutton Fire Department report: The pond is now filling up. The hydrants are all in and mulched. They are waiting for some tools to be made to do their own flow test. Larry would like to thank the town clerk and assistant town clerk and the selectmen for getting the bills together so he could submit them for a grant of \$10,000.00. Tim has been to look at the pond a couple of times and he feels this is a nice pond. The engineers estimate about 12 psi's with a 12 inch pipe. Tim talked about the fire department doing a fund raiser; Larry will bring it up to their membership and get back to the selectmen

Snow Plow Bids were opened: 2 bids were submitted: Spencer's Service and Don Cheney. Scott forgot about Evans Road and forgot to include it in the bid. Spencer's bids are \$140.00 per plow for the west side. Don Cheney is \$175.00 per plow for the east side.

Joe made a motion to award Scott Spencer \$140.00 per plow for the west side and Don Cheney for \$175.00 for the east side. Tim seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed

Scott made a motion to appoint Darlene Ahrens for a one year term as an alternate to the Development and Review Board. Joe seconded the motion. The current board members are Paul Brouha, Byron Savoy, Joe Witt, Chip Devenger and Hank Parker. Tim called for a vote. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

George reported that there will be a budget meeting on December 10, 2015 at 6:00pm

The selectmen reported a problem with Mr. Neilon putting sand in front of his house in the travel portion of the road on Pudding Hill. Scott asked Rick Jackson when will he take the backhoe there to clean the road up and then send them and bill for cleaning up the roadway. The office will draft a letter about piles in the right of way that has been placed there and needs to be cleaned up or the town will clean it up and send Mr. Neilon a bill for cleaning it up.

The selectmen also addressed a pot hole on Calendar Brook road that needs to be fixed as soon as possible. It is getting larger as days go by. Rick stated he has the mix in the bucket loader and as soon as the weather warms up, he will fix it. The selectmen want it done ASAP.

Warrants and checks were signed by the selectmen

Looking at figures from last year and this year Scott wants to know if there any way to pay \$54,859.58 rather than borrow money. This is something to think about. You can have money left over in the Highway but not in the General Fund at the end of the year. At the budget meeting, we will be looking closely at the y/e budget.

Scott made a comment that the mowing was not completed on Woods Hill or Weed's Road; it appears that we may have been short changed on mowing.

Next meeting will be December 28, 2015 at 5:00PM

Scott made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM. Joe seconded the motion. Tim called for a vote. Motion passed.

Submitted by

Mary Gray, Clerk

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