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Sutton Selectmen's Meeting
October 30, 2014

Chairman Scott Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

Attending the meeting: Scott Spencer, Stacy Spencer, Tim Simpson, Joe Solinsky, George Colburn, Don Cheney, Jr., Tom Featheringham, Rick Jackson, Deb Jackson, Rebecca Myers, Dan Jackson, Pat Jackson, Larry Seymour, Sharon Paton, Lawrence Paton, Patricia Branon
Tim Noyes, Gary Leach, Steve Mitchell.

Scott asked for additions or deletions to the agenda: additions: Paul Brouha, Scott for bridge project, and road foreman.

Motion was made by Tim to accept the minutes of September 25, 2014 meeting, Joe seconded motion. Tim added to the minutes a typo with the correct spelling of "Patoine" plus, "Tom Featheringham approached the board to explain his position. He passed out a letter and gave the selectmen an informational packet"

Scott called for a vote to accept the September 25, 2014 minutes with additions and corrections. All voted affirmative. Motion passed

Motion was made by Joe to accept the treasurer's report. Tim seconded the motion. Discussion on firehouse funds and balances. George transferred the funds and kept \$100,000. in the account. There will be more information at the next meeting since we don't know about the pond yet, there are questions still out there. Tim requested a thorough accounting of the fire department fire house fund for the next meeting.

Scott called for a vote to accept the treasurer's report. All voted affirmative. Motion passed.

2 snow plow bids were received and opened:

Don Cheney's bid: east side \$150.00 plow & sand / west side \$130.00 plow & sand

Scott Spencer's bid: west side \$125.00 plow & sand and west side \$125.00 just sand no plow

Verbal commitment by both bidders: Same money for ice/no plow agrees to sand when needed.

Tim made a motion to award Scott Spencer the west side and Don Cheney the east side.

Joe seconded motion. Scott called for a vote on the bids. All voted affirmative. Motion passed.

Gary Leach explained that the application needs to be submitted to USDA with the report.

There is no pre-application for the 75% grant money. The total is \$445,000.00

Joe made a motion to accept the application to be submitted to the USDA for \$445,000. Tim seconded motion. Scott called for a vote to submit the application to USDA. All voted affirmative. Motion passed.

A discussion on raising water rents to cover expenses. It was raised to \$100.00 per quarter from \$50.00 per quarter, there is discussion to raise it to \$125.00 per quarter. Scott suggested

at the moment there is no need to raise the rates, but should re-evaluate after the 1st quarter next year.

Larry Seymour updated the selectmen that in order to go across wet lands, there is an official form that needs to be filled out with signatures and he will get George a copy for the records.

Steve Mitchell requested to cut trees on the Town of Sutton land. This property in the School property and Scott and Steve will attend the November 5, 2014 School Board meeting. He explained to the board that he will cut and re-seed with pine.

TH 7; Tim read a letter from the Town Attorney Peter Morresette. (attached)
Tim Noyes asked for a definition of "maintenance". The response given was: A person, other than abutting landowners have 1st rights to the wood in the road. Others need the consent of landowners/selectmen. Title 1111, all maintenance brought before the select board. Tim explained if roads are not accessible, any maintenance has to have the selectmen's permission.

Patricia Branon, President, VT Horse Council sent a letter about cleaning the roads for horse access and travel and for safety, etc.

Tim discussed pent roads; class 4 roads; motorized vehicles; selectmen can make motion to make a pent road; Scott talked about culverts and bridges when reclassified on class 4 roads.

David & Becky Meyer adjoining land abutters request with Tom Featheringham to make it a pent road and have the previous request of cleaning up the road a separate issue. West of Newark be a pent road; Nygren .56 (1/2 mile); .79 untraveled/impassable to Newark border. Scott: the objective is to keep motor vehicles out unless deemed by selectmen.

Joe made a motion to allow clearing requested by VT. Horse Council the width of road to clear traveled portion clearing of saplings hanging over road, downed trees to allow safe passages on horseback. Motion failed with no second.

Tim made a motion to permit Vt. Horse Council to make TH 7 (class 4) passable for safe horse traffic. Joe seconded motion. Scott called for a vote. All voted affirmative. Motion passed

Tim made motion to turn a pent road, class 4 section TH7, no motorized traffic with gate of 8' in width (turn .79miles class 4 TH7 Sutton to a pent road with no motorized traffic of any kind with a gate of 8' in length with landowners having permission to use as needed including utilities. Joe seconded motion. Scott made a motioned to amend: property owner, abutters including utilities and first responder emergency vehicles. Tim seconded amendment. Scott called for a vote. All voted affirmative. Amendment Passed.

Scott requested Rick to put a "dead end" sign on Nygren's Road

Joe brought up a dog problem. Chelsey O'Donnell, dog owner on Route 5. Letter from Tom Cave requested \$172.00 for reimbursement of 3 guinea hens killed, approx. 20 eggs and a destroyed dog pillow. The dog was brought to Joe's farm, but the dog escaped. Joe called Candace Legge to go to the dog owner for the money.

George brought up having a postal meter in the office of a rental cost of \$35.00 per month. George will have more information at the next meeting.

Grange Hall- talked about putting the town red truck and chlorine tank in the grange garage; the backhoe and grader in the town garage.

Bridge project: Joe made a motion to transfer \$35,000.00 from the bridge reserves to the general fund to cover the bill for the Patoine Bridge and Legge Brdige. Tim seconded motion. Scott called for a vote. All voted affirmative. Motion passed.

Paul Brouha- Paying NVDA. Municipal Planning Grant \$8,000. Total \$5,400.00 received so far. More information is requested for the next selectmen's meeting on November 20, 2014.

Selectmen reviewed correspondence and invoices, signed warrants and checks.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 9:00PM Tim seconded motion. Scott called for a vote. All voted affirmative. Motion passed.

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