

Sutton Selectmen's Meeting  
December 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Spencer at 6:02PM

Attending the meeting: Roy Vance, Caledonia Cty Assist. Side Judge; Dee Colburn; Clint Gray; Scott Spencer; George Colburn; Joe Solinsky; Deb Jackson; Rick Jackson; Larry Seymour; Katherine Seymour; Mary Gray, Clerk

Additions/Deletions: none

A Motion was made by Joe to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2014 and December 8, 2014 meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Correction on November 20, 2014 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> page, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph; "This needs to go to a bond vote with the last figure being ~~\$465,000~~ \$455,000." Also, first page 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph ...."school was paid in November 2014 in the amount of ~~\$1,940,452.12~~ \$1,094,452.12." Scott asked if there were any more corrections or changes. Hearing none; Scott called for a vote. All in favor of accepting the November 20, 2014 minutes with corrections. All voted affirmative. Motion passed. Scott called for a vote on the December 8, 2014 minutes. All in favor of accepting the December 8, 2014 minutes. All voted affirmative. Motion passed.

Motion was made Joe to accept the treasurer's report; Scott seconded the motion. The \$314,362.81 in the checking account is as of December 18, 2014. All reserves have been paid except the fire department. All appropriations were paid last month. Scott asked for more discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. All in favor of accepting the treasurer's report as printed. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed

Delinquent tax report was handed out.

Roy Vance presented the Caledonia County Proposed budget for 2015/2016. Sutton's portion should be down from last year. The last payment was made so the budget would be on a fiscal year. Once Roy gets the all 17 towns, he will call us to put our amount into our 2015 budget. Income is derived from fees from passports, notaries, small claim fees and will safekeeping fees. Last year the small claims fees, the state actually took that money. When the judges travel, they are paid by the state. If the judges do civil duties, they are paid by the county. The salaries have increased in hours, hopefully they will be making some of that up from passports fees. Once the audit is completed, it will be done every other year. If there is any surplus it will be rolled over to the 2015/2016 budget.

Larry Seymour, Fire Dept. update. Fire dispatch invoice is normally received in December, but because they will be switching to 18 months for dispatching, the invoicing has not been done yet. This includes monitoring the fire alarm, which should be about \$300.00 to \$400.00 per year, but Larry stated this is approximate. Progress on the wet land is going through the state water shed management division. The fire department received the hydrant pipe and the washing machine that was already paid for. In the process right now is the purchasing of a fire gear dryer with a cost of between \$5,000 and \$6,000. A washer and dryer are more expensive that regular machines to wash the fire department gear. The next large expense is an air exchange. So far \$401,000.00 has been expensed. Larry explained if the solar panels are covered with snow, then it is not making electricity, so next month there will be a bill. The board questioned him about calling the company to see what could be used to clear the panels in the winter. The board asked if that was a consideration before the panels were in place, Larry had not

asked. Larry feels that before any final figure can be given to the board, he wants to hear from the state about the wet lands, plus pond as not been dug yet.

Motion was made by Joe to transfer \$7,108.86 from the fire department fund to reimburse the General Fund for expenses. Scott seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion. Scott called for a vote. All in favor of transferring \$7,108.86 from the fire department fund to the general fund. All voted in affirmative. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Joe to spend up to \$4,500.00 for a mapping grant for the Lister's. Scott seconded motion. Scott amended Joe's original motion to add, this is to be budgeted in the 2015 budget and spent in the 2015 year. Joe seconded the motion. Scott called for a vote on the amendment. All voted in the affirmative. Amendment passed. Scott called for a vote on the original motion. All voted in the affirmation. Motion passed.

Gingue Construction approached Scott about purchasing an extra 3000 yards of winter sand. Rick said we should have 6500 yards of gravel on hand.

Joe made a motion to buy 3,000 yards of sand at \$4.69/yard to be delivered in the spring of 2015 from Gingue Construction. Scott seconded motion. Scott called for a vote. All in favor of buying 3,000 yards of sand at \$4.69/yard to be delivered in the spring of 2015. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed

Gary Leach or Paul Giuliani were on the agenda, but did not attend the meeting. Paul Giuliani sent the proper documents for the bond vote for the water system.

Joe made a motion to adopt the "Declaration of Official Intent" document as provided to us by Paul Giuliani with an amount not to exceed \$457,000.00. Scott seconded motion. All in favor of adopting the "Declaration of Official Intent" to not exceed \$457,000.00. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The board requested to have the "Declaration of Official Intent" attached to these minutes.

The warning for the bond vote will be held on January 26, 2015. The bond vote will be by Australian ballot with polls being opened from 9AM to 7PM at the school multi-purpose room. The public hearing will be January 20, 2015 at 6:00PM at the school multi-purpose room. This needs to be posted in 5 places in Sutton. 5 places will be The Town Office; Scott Spencer Service; Sutton Fire Department; Sutton School; the Grange.

Resolution of certificate for the bond vote was signed by George Colburn.

A Copy of ballot of the bond vote was handed to the board to see.

Joe brought up Butler Fuel. We are now paying \$2.9376. Butler Fuel gave a price of \$2.65 cut with kerosene.

Motion was made by Scott to table this fuel decision until there is a full board. Joe seconded. Scott called for a vote. All in favor of tabling the fuel decision until there is a full board. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Correspondence was gone over.

Lyndon Rescue appropriation request was reviewed. The board has requested our representative, Ben McCormack, to come to the next meeting to explain Lyndon Rescue request for funding for 2015.

Motion was made by Scott to table the Caledonia Sherriff Dept. contract until the full board is here. Joe seconded the motion. Scott called for a vote to table the Caledonia Sheriff Dept. contract until the full board is here. All voted affirmative. Motion passed.

Warrants and checks were signed by the selectmen.

Motion was made by Joe to adjourn at 8:00PM. Scott seconded the motion. Scott called for a vote. All in favor to adjourn at 8:00PM. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Submitted by

Mary Gray

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