

Sutton Selectmen's meeting
July 31, 2014 Draft

Chairman Scott Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

Attending the meeting: Gail Weed; Larry Seymour; Paul Tomasi, NEKWMD; Susan Cheney; Deb Jackson; Don Cheney; Rick Jackson; Celeste Marie Girrell; Richard M. Harris; Fred E. Harris; Dennis Royer; Gary Leach; Tim Simpson, Scott Spencer; Joe Solinsky; Dianna Simpson; Mary Gray

Motion was made by Tim to accept the minutes of June 26, 2014. The motion was seconded by Joe. Scott asked for any discussion; corrections or additions; hearing none: All in favor of accepting June 26, 2014 minutes as printed. Passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Tim to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Joe. Scott asked for any discussions. A question was asked about the fire department loan payment. Scott explained that he had asked Gail and George to check with the bank to see if the loan payments can be moved to the end of November instead of paying in July. Gail said the paperwork was the correspondence to be signed. Scott asked if there were any more questions on the treasurer's report. Hearing none, all in favor of accepting the Treasurer's report as printed. Passed unanimously.

Larry Seymour asked permission from the state for a one time open house for the public. This was granted by the state. The fire department will be holding an open house on August 9, 2014 from 10AM to 1:00PM. They will have hot dogs and refreshments. Sue Cheney displayed the rug she is hooking to be raffled off to raise funds for the Fire Department. The price of the tickets will be \$2.00 for one ticket or 6 tickets for \$10.00. The drawing will be held in November, 2014. Sue would like to raise \$3,000.00 for the fire department. A suggestion was made to contact the paper to be at the open house to get the word out about the raffle. The wet land permit is needed for the pond, so the pond won't be done by for the open house. Larry explained the town received the first bill from the electric company for the fire department and with the meter running back, the fire department made \$200.00 with the use of the solar panels. The fire department is making more electricity than it uses. Larry updated the board about all the equipment will be out of the grange by the end of August. The phone is no longer needed at the grange and is requesting it be removed. From the state inspector, he said the town should be proud of new fire department building.

Gary Leach, updated the board about a survey and water project progress. The report that needs to be done will be worked on next week. Gary explained that the town will need to have a bond for over \$300,000.00 and suggested the bond be for \$325,000.00, for the cost of the water project. The Government will pay 75% of the cost. Gary will give the schedule to the state. The water bond vote should happen within the next 2 to 3 months to be on schedule. Celeste is worried about a storm drain that will need to be located before work is started and not forgotten.

Paul Tomasi and Fred Harries explained the 2015 mandatory recycling. They explained it will be free to the residents and recycling has to be done on site and separated right here. Paul explained the time-line of recycling by July 1, 2015, stating haulers must offer a recycling service. With the recycling containers on the town property, the storage bin will need to be manned. NEK Waste may have free 40 foot container for the town that could be delivered in September. The only charge may be a delivery fee. Fred Harris is offering to continue offering his service and man the recycling center at the town. But NEK Waste offered the town a free container, with possibly a delivery charge. Paul and Fred

explained the shipping containers have to be locked. Paul offered Celeste the services of the NEK Waste to assist the school with teaching recycling. Celeste informed the board the school is having their own container delivered and will be using this as a teaching device for recycling.

Tree stump removal bids were opened. 58 tree stumps need to be removed on Burke road.

The bids are as follows:

Shufelt	\$2150.00
E Weed	\$2800.00
Quirion	\$4750.00 to grind
Morgan	\$3500.00
Riendeau	\$3030.00

Quirion's bid is the only bid that includes grinding. In evaluating the other bids, the selectmen ask about the cost of running the town truck at \$35.00 per hour; employee cost for two men for two to possibly 3 days. Gail gave that figure to the selectmen. When evaluating the costs of the other bids along with the towns cost to complete the job, Quirion's bid would be the lowest bid. The other bidders do not have stump grinders.

Joe made a motion to award the bid to Luke Quirion. The motion was seconded by Tim. Scott asked for any discussion. The Seymour's have requested that all the brush be removed. Rick explained that ditching will also need to be done. The tree removal budget has \$1100.00 left in it. Scott called for a vote. All in favor of awarding Quirion the bid. Passed unanimously.

Celeste wants to update about the Grange Hall. She explained technically this is not an historical building since it burned and was rebuilt. But the state may still say it is a historical site. She was to explore funding between rural development and community development grants. By exploring grants, they would know what needs to be addressed and fixed, such as possibly the traffic pattern. Paul Brouha, Chair of the Planning/Zoning board wants to explore a community center because it is very accessible, it could be a senior center. Dennis Royer asked if they have ever been in the basement of the grange, he explained how the basement is very wet. Celeste said they were exploring the upstairs being used as a private for profit day care operation. Celeste said, the grange belongs to the town and the select board is responsible for it and Celeste want the selectmen to know what the Planning Board is exploring. Paul Brouha wants to look at the inside and he also wants to explore what can be done using grant money. Gail said she did some research and found that the grange can't be utilized by a private for profit organization.

Dance Hall License, Max's Dance hall was on the agenda, but no one was there representing the dance hall license and the selectmen did not know anything about it. If someone comes to the meeting then it will be addressed.

Scott has had a few surveyors' call him to complain of the condition of the maps in the vault and how nothing can be found. Scott had Gail look into getting a price for a storage cabinet for the maps. The cost of the cabinet would cost \$2,298.00, this cost does not include the hangers. The price was from Kohl Files. Gail explained that the state in Waterbury have file cabinet's for very little cost, that she would like to go over an get a couple for her office and one for the Lister's office.

Tim made a motion to have Gail spend up to \$1,000.00 for file cabinets. The motion died for lack of a second.

Joe made a motion to have Gail spend up to \$500.00. Scott seconded the motion. Scott called for a vote. All in favor of having Gail spend up to \$500.00 for file cabinets. Joe and Scott voted in favor. Tim voted no. Motion passed.

VLCT Insurance department came to the town offices to do an inspection. The insurance carrier stated the basement needs to be cleaned out of all the debris, all the exit signs need to be identified; they do not have to be lite because we have a generator. We need to have the upstairs handicap accessible for public meetings. The Selectmen will talk to a couple of carpenters/contractors for ideas of what we could do to comply.

A letter was received by the Auditor's about pay raises.

Joe made a motion to pay Elaine Bandy \$16.00/hr.; Janice Solinsky and Sue Cheney \$15.00/hr. for the auditors' position. Tim seconded the motion. Scott called for a vote. All in favor of paying Elaine \$16.00/hr.; Janice and Sue \$15.00/ hr. Motion passed unanimously.

The town is having problems with people stealing signs.

Paul Brouha wrote a letter to Danny Hale that he wanted the selectmen to review and sign about ATV's.

Joe made a motion to sign and send the letter to Danny Hale about the problem with ATV's. Tim seconded the motion. Scott called for a vote. All in favor of signing and sending the letter to Danny Hale concerning the problem with ATV's. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott stated that Shauna got back to him concerning the bridges. Shauna is going to talk to the bridge inspector about the bridges. She inspected the bridges herself and she said they will make the town re-deck the bridges. Greasing the beams would be acceptable. Scott is looking into pressure treated lumber. Hopefully by next month we will have an answer. This will be put out to bid when we receive all the information.

Don Cheney stated that by next Friday, the bulletin board will be up 4 ft. high/ 7 ft. long and hooked to the building.

The Fire Department has a designate sign for postings.

Joe made a motion to move the 3rd posting from the old grange hall to the new fire station. Tim seconded the motion. Scott called for a vote. Passed unanimously.

Mary explained that the Lister's is doing the work on a statistical update. When the Lister's work on the preparation for the statistical update, the salary will be taken out of the reappraisal account.

The selectmen worked on setting the 2014 tax rate.

Tim made a motion to set the tax rate of \$.5087 for the municipal tax rate; \$.0042 for the exemption tax rate. Joe seconded the motion. Scott called for a vote. All in favor of setting the 2014 tax rates of \$.5087 for the municipal tax rate and \$.0042 for the exemption tax rate. Passed unanimously.

The Educational Residential rate is \$1.1797 and the Education Non-Residential rate is \$1.2503

The Francis dog is still being a nuisance. Candace should look up the statutes and take a Sheriff to deal with the people, if the dog is not registered. The Town Ordinance will be sent by registered mail along with a letter.

Correspondence was read and signed.

Warrants and checks were signed.

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 9:16P.M. Tim seconded motion. Scott called for a vote. Passed unanimously.

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