

Sutton Select Board & Planning Commission  
Minutes of meeting 2-22-2018, 6:00 P.M.  
Sutton Town Offices

In attendance: Tim Simpson, Scott Spencer, Joe Solinsky (Sutton Select Board); Paul Brouha, Lucien Belanger, Byron Savoy, Joe Witt, Darlene Ahrens (Sutton Planning Commission); Dusty May (Northwoods Stewardship Center); Danielle Fortin, Gail Weed, James & Judith Masure, Dan & Pat Jackson, Brandon Mazur (Clerk)

Tim called the meeting to order at 6:02.

There were no additions or deletions to the proposed agenda.

Scott moved to accept the minutes of the Select Board meeting on 1-25-18 as printed. Joe seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Scott moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Joe seconded. The report was accepted.

Next, the Water System Balance Report was reviewed.

The floor was then given to James and Judith Masure. They ask that if the Grange Hall is to be moved, could they purchase a small piece of the town's property, as well ask asking for immediate access to town land to cut and stack wood. Tim replied, speaking for himself, that he is in favor but that both parties should wait to see if the Grange Hall project is approved by voters and is actually moved. Scott moved to permit the Masures access to collect and stack wood on the town's property with the provision that the Town is not liable for any injury or death that may occur there. Joe seconded. After discussion the motion carried.

The floor was then given to Dusty May. Mr. May notified the Select Board that Northwoods may be doing work to pond access areas on Doloff Pond Rd., as well as asked the Select Board for a donation of 6 yards of gravel and any boulders the town may have. The Select Board granted Northwoods the gravel donation, as well as use of town equipment to harvest boulders near the site.

Next, Paul Brouha was granted the floor. He notified the SB that the grant and loan application for moving the Grange Hall was submitted in December, that the proposed bonding article has been warned, and that the informational meeting revealed several other options for the Grange Hall: 1. do nothing, 2. Continue to present plans to move/repurpose the building, 3. Modify Town Office building to make it ADA-accessible and otherwise meet VLCT insurer's requirements. Paul provided a budget breakdown for the movement/construction prepared by Joe Witt, Sutton Zoning Administrator. The town of Sutton is obligated to provide a Certified Engineer, and Joe

Witt will ask a colleague. Joe reviewed the estimated costs and suggested moving the building without federal grants and then applying for grants after the building's move to fund other upgrades to the interior spaces and windows and insulation. Scott asked if Historic Preservation had visited the building. Paul said that a representative, Elizabeth Peebles, had come, but that the Grange is not listed on the National Register. Ms. Peebles also encouraged the town to apply for grant money for ADA bathrooms. Scott then asked what will be presented to the voters on Town Meeting Day. Paul answered that the town should continue moving ahead with the application and tell voters that the Planning Commission is continuing to look for ways to receive all additional funding for the project. Scott expressed that the SB and PC should be unified in their presentation of the possibilities, including adding a ramp and new parking lot to the Grange Hall, demolishing it, and doing nothing. Many present agreed, though, that the present location blocks visibility. Darlene expressed that the PC and SB should make it clear to voters that they will be consulted again. Paul volunteered to present the project on Town Meeting Day. Scott expressed the belief that spending money to bring the current Town Offices into ADA compliance would be unwise.

Paul next offered a draft letter of violation of the Solid Waste and Junk ordinance. Paul recommended the Select Board send it. Scott stated that if the Select Board sends out this letter, a similar one should be sent to Archie Stimpson on Route 5. Scott moved to table sending any letters until the next Select Board meeting. Joe seconded. The motion carried.

Paul then provided a draft Town of Sutton Energy Committee Charter. The Select Board reviewed and signed the charter, approving it.

Paul finally provided a draft VLCT--revised Ordinance Regulating Solid Waste and Junk. Joe moved the Select Board direct the Planning Commission to accept the changes and suggestions offered by VLCT. Scott seconded. The motion carried.

Next, the potential resolutions of disputes between landlord and tenant over unpaid water bills were discussed.

Invoices were then reviewed and checks were signed.

Scott moved to adjourn. Joe seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

These minutes prepared by Brandon Mazur