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Town of Sutton
Select Board

Meeting Minutes
Minutes Accepted and filed with the Town Clerk 4/09/2024 with a roll call vote of 5-0

6:00 p.m. – March 26, 2024

Roll Call vote taken:

Members in Attendance in person:

Chairperson Jonathan Anderson, Vice Chair David Hall, Clerk Jesse Limanek, Select members Jeffrey Bannon & Normand Champigny all present in person.

Also attending in person: Town Manager James Smith, Town Accountant Tim Harrison & Deb Jacques, secretary

Public Forum – N/A

Vice Chair Hall motions to accept as presented the March 12, 2024 Select Board meeting minutes Select Person Bannon seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote

Eagle Scout Jacob Prue recognition read into record

****Public Hearing**** Nick's Country Market- Transfer of \$15 Package store license from Melissa & Albino DeCosta to Albino DeCosta. Public notice as posted in the 3/7/24 Millbury Sutton Chronicle is read into record by Select person Limanek. Present is Albino DeCosta of 180 Granite St. Uxbridge, MA. Mr. DeCosta states this transfer is due to a divorce. Hearing no issues/comments, Select person Limanek motions to close Public Hearing, Vice Chair Hall seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote. Select person Limanek motions to approve as requested the transfer of \$15 Package Store License #00015-PK-1254 for Nicks Country Market from Melissa & Albino DeCosta to Albino DeCosta as advertised in the March 7, 2024 Millbury Sutton Chronicle Select person Bannon seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote.

****Public Hearing****Pole Hearing- Blackstone St./Providence Rd. Public notice as posted in the 3/7/24 Millbury Sutton Chronicle is read into record by Select person Limanek. Present on Zoom is NGrid representative Keira Foster. Keira adds that this is due to a larger project coming from Millbury. Vice Chair Hall asks if abutters were notified- Jim replies yes they are always notified. Dave also states that Public Safety has no issues. Hearing no issues/comments- Select person Bannon motions to close Public Hearing Vice Chair Hall seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote. Select person Bannon motions to approve Pole Hearing # 30800853 from NGrid & Verizon for Providence Road/Blackstone Street as advertised in the March 7, 2024 Millbury Sutton Chronicle Vice Chair Hall seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote.

****Public Hearing****Pole Hearing- Blackstone St/Depot St. Public notice as posted in the 3/7/24 Millbury Sutton Chronicle is read into record by Select person Limanek. Present on Zoom is NGrid representative Keira Foster. Keira adds that this is being done due to the replacement of a bridge- the poles are being removed going over the bridge to maintain the safety perimeters. Town Manager Smith adds that the layout for widening the roadway will be before the board at the next meeting as it is a warrant article. Vice Chair Hall adds Public Safety has all signed off on. Select person Limanek says this is an eminent project in the area- the public will be made aware of road closures, etc. as the time gets closer. Hearing no issues/comments Select person Champigny motions to close Public Hearing Select person Bannon seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote. Select person Champigny motions to approve Pole Hearing # 30380434 from NGrid & Verizon for Blackstone Street/Depot Street as advertised in the March 7, 2024 Millbury Sutton Chronicle Select person Bannon seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote.

Town Manager Update:

- Constellation Agreement on town of Sutton municipal properties was signed by Vice Chair Dave Hall on 3/13/24. It is a 3-year agreement at 11.83 cents per kilowatt hour. The rates are at a good price right now due to the warm winter.
- 3 Citizens Petitions for May Town Meeting- Two of the petitions are for abutting rear lots on Leland Hill & Peach Tree for 10MW ground mounted solar project. There is currently a 250 KW limit in residential neighborhoods. This will require deforestation of 40+ acres. Jim states if this is approved at Town Meeting it will essentially create a solar overlay district. This type of request (3 separate requests at that meeting) were voted down at the 2018 Town Meeting. The 3rd petition is by Pam Nichols requesting the town accept MGL Chapter 149 section 33E which allows state, County and municipal employees a leave of absence to serve as an organ donor. If accepted- the employee can take a leave of absence of not more than 30 days without loss of or reduction in pay, time or service. (Vice Chair Hall asks if this can be sponsored by the Select Board- all are in agreement that this should be sponsored by the Select Board)
- Manchaug Boat ramp season pass- has been \$20.00 for years (for all pass holders)- the one day for in state is \$6.00 and 12.00 for out of state. Area towns have higher fees. Jim is asking about increasing the season pass to \$40.00. The board all agree to this increase and would also like to raise the in state day pass to \$10.00 and out of state day pass to \$20.00. This proposal will be brought before the board for adoption at a future meeting.

Announcement's / Round Table:

Select person Limanek asks all to remember the Food Pantry when you are shopping- they are in constant need of support. Jesse also offers a safe wonderful Easter- the reason for the season.

Vice Chair Hall motions to enter into Executive session with the sole purpose of rejoining open meeting for adjournment only- Select person Limanek seconds passes 5-0 with roll call vote passes 5-0 enter 6:59 pm

Select person Limanek motions to adjourn, Select person Bannon seconds- Roll Call vote taken- passes 5-0

Meeting adjourned 7:29pm