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**TOWN OF SUTTON, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2017 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon (Polls to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act on Article 1 and 2. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 15th day of March, 2017 at seven of the clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening, to act upon the remaining Articles.

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of Amendment 1 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment is to define and permit, by Special Exception, an attached or detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). An ADU provides (a) independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies, (b) contains no more than 750 square feet for attached, or contains no more than 750 square feet or forty percent (40%) of the square footage of the principal dwelling unit, whichever is less, for detached, (c) has no more than two bedrooms, and (d) in which the owner occupies either the principal dwelling unit or the accessory dwelling unit.

**Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$2,193,829 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

	Budget Committee	Selectmen
4130 Executive	167,992	167,907
4140 Election Registration	6,500	6,500
4150 Financial Administration	67,117	67,117
4151 Executive Financial Administration	23,350	23,350
4152 Revaluation of Property	12,000	12,000
4153 Legal Expense	17,500	17,500
4155 Personnel Administration	154,247	155,076
4191 Planning Board and Zoning	49,250	49,250
4194 General Government Buildings	26,500	26,500
4195 Cemeteries	14,000	14,000
4196 Insurance	67,800	67,800
4197 Regional Planning Commission	2,033	2,033
4210 Police Department	446,918	447,119
4215 Ambulance	74,718	74,718
4220 Fire Department	56,325	56,325

4240	Building Inspection	7,800	7,800
4290	Emergency Management	1,300	1,300
4299	Dispatching Services	22,842	22,842
4312	Highway Department	646,660	649,106
4313	Bridges	3,000	3,000
4316	Street Lighting	7,500	7,500
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	153,500	153,500
4411	Health Administration	2,250	2,250
4415	Health Agencies	5,095	5,095
4443	Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	30,902	30,902
4520	Culture & Recreation	13,963	13,963
4550	Library	41,994	42,249
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000	1,000
4611	Conservation Commission	3,232	3,232
4721	Debt Service	66,541	66,541

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,750 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Library Modifications	5,000
Police Cruisers	16,000
Police Department Computer Equipment	5,000
Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	3,500
Conservation Land	7,000
Highway Equipment "Plow/Dump Trucks"	100,000
Highway Bridges	100,000
Solid Waste Facility	5,000
Forest Fire Equipment	250
Fire Equipment Replacement	30,000
Rescue Vehicle	10,000
Property Revaluation	22,000
Cemetery Land	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	3,000
Highway Pickup Truck	6,000
Fire Department Addition	25,000
Legal Fees	3,000
Records Preservation	2,000
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000

**Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of upgrading blacktop town roads.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 6-wheel dump truck and to withdraw \$140,000 from the Highway Equipment (Plow/Dump Truck) Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for that purpose. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to purchase a backhoe and to withdraw up to \$135,000 from the Highway Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011 for that purpose. The remaining \$5,000 to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of replacing the Grist Mill/Corporation Hill Foot Bridge.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purpose of purchasing a cardboard compactor for the Solid Waste Facility.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,667 for the Sutton Volunteer Fire Company, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance, represents proceeds received in 2016 from the sale of equipment at the Old Fire House.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for a furnace for the fire department.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Septage Lagoon Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of decommissioning the Sutton Septage Lagoons, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 14:** To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the engineering, permitting and construction of a federally mandated ADA compliant ramp and entry area allowing access to library facilities and materials on the main floor.

**Article 15:** Shall the Town of Sutton vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veteran's tax credit voted by the Sutton under RSA 72:28.

**Article 16:** We, the citizens of the town of Sutton, petition the town to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for property tax purposes for persons owning real property for the property tax exemption on real property equipped with solar energy systems, which exemption shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of the solar energy systems.

The intent of the tax exemption is to alleviate the additional tax burden created by installing a solar energy system. Solar energy systems are expensive, and people who make the decision to install are primarily motivated by the larger social issue of energy consumption. Similar tax exemptions already exist in approximately 103 towns in New Hampshire.

We want to show Sutton's support for the use of renewable energy to the Sutton tax payers who utilize a solar energy system by granting them an exemption for the purpose of a positive tax implication. **This is a petitioned Warrant Article. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the next three years at \$3,333 per year for 2017, 2018 and 2019. This increase would not include any Cost of Living Adjustments as deemed appropriate by the selectmen and budget committee. Should the voters not approve this salary increase the Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector request that all motor vehicle town clerk fees that are now being deposited into the General Fund be used in place of the increase. The Clerk Fees would be issued at the end of each month and would be payable in the amount to be determined by Motor Vehicle ID number for either the Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector or Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

2015 Town Clerk Fees = \$4,482.00

2016 Town Clerk Fees = \$8,316.00

**This is a petitioned Warrant Article. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 18:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

  
Walter Baker, Jr., Chair

  
Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman

  
William I. Curless, Selectman