

**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 8th day of March, 2016 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 1-14. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 2016 at seven of the clock 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 Amends the Zoning Ordinance throughout by making various non-substantive changes, including replacing acronyms with full names; improving consistency of usage and/or clarity; correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 3:** Are you in favor of Amendment 2 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment revises the language regarding personal wireless telecommunications service facilities so that it complies with state and/or federal statutes, adding a preference for "collocation" applications; adding or amending definitions of "modification", "modification application", "substantial modification", "utility pole", and "water tank"; adding that collocation requires only a building permit and is preempted by state/federal law from the town's local regulation; that new facilities or substantial modification of existing facilities require site plan approval from the planning board, a building permit, and are subject to the limitations and requirements of the town zoning ordinance; and to add a new section regarding the failure to remove an abandoned or discontinued facility. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of Amendment 3 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amends the Zoning Ordinance so that it complies with state statutes by changing Article VI, Special Exceptions and Variances, to allow a two year period from approval to exercise a Variance or Special Exception. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of Amendment 4 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the Zoning Ordinance so that it complies with state statutes by adding Manufactured housing as a permitted use in both the Residential and the Rural-Agricultural Districts as follows: "A manufactured home on a single lot that is in compliance with all of the requirements of the zoning district." Previous language and definitions related to Manufactured

housing parks and subdivisions are removed. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 6:** Are you in favor of Amendment 5 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment adds a new Article to the Zoning Ordinance that provides for a Steep Slope Overlay District. This Article limits the nature and intensity of development in steep slope areas; defines steep slope areas as areas where there is an elevation change of 20 or more feet and the slope is 20% or greater; explains how to determine where steep slopes are likely to be located within Sutton; and, creates a conditional use permit granted by the planning board to allow development within the Steep Slope Overlay District provided certain conditions are satisfied. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 7:** Are you in favor of Amendment 6 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment creates a new Section to Article III, General Provisions, regarding Driveways which requires all new or substantially altered driveways to obtain a Driveway Access Permit; requires driveways that do not meet the design requirements for driveways or are located within the Steep Slope Overlay District to obtain a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board; and includes minimum driveway design requirements. Also, a change is made to definitions in order to conform to usage within the Sutton Driveway Regulations, to limit to two the number of lots served by one driveway. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 8:** Are you in favor of Amendment 7 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the language in Article III, General Provisions, E regarding Signs so that it is clear that a single sign is permitted by changing the wording from plural to singular. It also reduces permitted height to 5 feet and maximum illumination of all signs to 40 watts and the size and number of temporary signs to the same. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 9:** Are you in favor of Amendment 8 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the Board or entity responsible for the application/permit process for Excavations from Zoning Board of Adjustment to Select Board (see Article III, General Provisions, 1.) It also, changes the Board or entity responsible for inspecting Excavations from Zoning Board of Adjustment to the Code Enforcement Officer and changes the fine for violations reducing, the maximum daily amount. This amendment also changes the Board or entity responsible for the approval of Temporary Use of Travel or Construction Trailers from Zoning Board of Adjustment to Select Board. (See Article III, General Provisions, I.) **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 10:** Are you in favor of Amendment 9 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the wording on Minimum Lot Area

in both the Residential District (IV.C) and the Rural-Agricultural District (V.C) as follows: to clarify that minimum lot area relates not to “families” but to “subdivisions”. Additionally, this amendment explains how minimum lot area is calculated for a lot in the Steep Slope Overlay District as follows: d. “Upon subdivision, any portion of a lot that is in the Steep Slope Overlay District shall not include more than 80% of that area within the minimum lot area requirement.” **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 11:** Are you in favor of Amendment 10 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment provides for changes to Article XV. Definitions such that definitions of certain words used within the Ordinance are added to the Article on Definitions. Such definitions include: “Conditional Use Permit”, “Lodging House”, “Planning Board”, “Select Board”, and “Zoning Board of Adjustment”. Also, certain definitions of words that are no longer used within the Ordinance, including “Loading Space” and “Lodging Unit”; “Manufactured Home Park” and “Manufactured Home Subdivision” are removed. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 12:** Are you in favor of Amendment 1 of the Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment provides for various non-substantive changes, including replacing acronyms with full names; improving consistency of usage and/or clarity; correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 13:** Are you in favor of Amendment 2 of the Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to the Building Ordinance, Article II.B.7, requires that a Driveway Permit be issued by the Road Agent or, alternatively, a Conditional Use Permit be issued by the Planning Board to satisfy the requirement. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 14:** Are you in favor of Amendment 3 of the Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the Building Ordinance, Article II.D, so that the minimum square footage for a dwelling or residence first-floor space is changed from 500 square feet to 320 square feet. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

**Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,160,029 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

4130	Executive	150,433
4140	Election & Registration	9,950
4150	Financial Administration	63,052
4151	Executive Financial Administration	21,700
4152	Revaluation of Property	10,000
4153	Legal Expense	23,500

4155	Personnel Administration	142,331
4191	Planning Board and Zoning	42,500
4194	General Government Buildings	25,750
4195	Cemeteries	14,000
4196	Insurance	72,500
4197	Regional Planning Commission	2,032
4210	Police Department	478,173
4215	Ambulance	65,336
4220	Fire Department	56,325
4240	Building Inspection	9,000
4290	Emergency Management	1,300
4299	Dispatching Services	24,605
4312	Highway Department	633,765
4313	Bridges	3,000
4316	Street Lighting	8,000
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	149,700
4411	Health Administration	2,250
4415	Health Agencies	5,353
4443	Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	20,902
4520	Culture & Recreation	12,063
4550	Library	41,485
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000
4611	Conservation Commission	3,232
4721	Debt Service	66,792

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$297,750 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	3,500
Conservation Land	10,000
Highway Equipment Trucks	50,000
Highway Bridges	50,000
Solid Waste Facility	5,000
Forest Fire Equipment	250
Fire Equipment Replacement	25,000
Rescue Vehicle	10,000
Property Revaluation	22,000
Cemetery	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	3,000
Highway Facility Capital Reserve Fund	50,000
Highway Pickup Truck	6,000
Fire Department Addition	25,000
Legal Fees	3,000
Highway Backhoe	25,000
Records Preservation	2,000
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000

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

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 for the purpose of purchasing a highway loader and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$140,000 from the Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 for that purpose. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001. Said funds of \$85,594.98, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's General Fund. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 17 authorizing the withdrawal of \$140,000 from the fund, and becomes effective after the withdrawal of the \$140,000 from the fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring highway heavy equipment and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed into this fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 20:** 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 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of upgrading blacktop town roads.

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of replacing the Highway Department Sand Shed and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Highway Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for that purpose. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 16 (to add \$50,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund). If Article 16 does not pass, this article will be null and void. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,805 for the purpose of engineering, permitting and repairs for Corporation Hill Road and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 for the Corporation Hill Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 for that purpose. The remaining \$61,805 to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,500 for the purpose of engineering, design, permitting and repairs for the Hominy Pot Bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund established



in 1959 for that purpose. The remaining \$28,500 to be raised by general taxation.

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

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Police Cruiser and Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,250 to be placed in this fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Police Department Computers and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,575 to be placed in this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Library Modifications Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in that fund and further to appoint the Library Trustees as agents to expend. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 8,000 for the purpose of providing a \$500 annual stipend to members of the Sutton Rescue Squad.

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the purpose of engineering, site plans, permitting, upgrading electrical systems and acquiring and installing a plastic compactor for the Solid Waste Facility.

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,250 for the Sutton Athletic Fields.

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$85,000 for the purpose of acquiring land known as the Steven's lot located at Sutton Tax Map and Lot 07-942-328 and 07-975-354 and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Conservation Land Capital Reserve Fund established in 2005 for that purpose. The remaining \$35,000 is to be raised through fundraising events. No amount to be raised by general taxation. This is a nonlapsing appropriation which shall not lapse for a period of two years. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

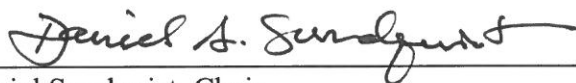
**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, to exempt from taxation \$20,000 of assessed value for qualified taxpayers. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$20,400, and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

**Article 34:** To see if the town will vote to donate the 1985 Fire Engine to the Sutton Volunteer Fire Association so it can sell it and retain the proceeds.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

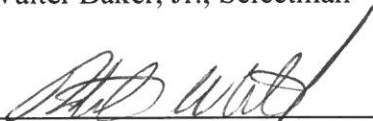
Given under our hands and seal, this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Daniel Sundquist, Chair

Walter Baker, Jr., Selectman



Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman