

**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 the Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the 12th day of March 2024 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 Articles 1 and 2. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 13th day of March 2024 at seven of the clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening, to act upon the remaining Articles.

Article 1: To choose all officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Add a new article “Sutton Village Overlay Districts” which establishes requirements for development within not yet created Village Overlay Districts through the Conditional Use Permit process. If the Article is adopted, the Planning Board will work over the coming years to propose potential Village Overlay Districts. The creation of any Village Overlay District in the future will be a zoning amendment, which will require both public hearings before the Planning Board and an affirmative vote of a future Town Meeting.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$3,073,630.79 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

| | Budget Committee Recommends | Select Board Recommends |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Executive Office | \$245,519.00 | \$240,388.91 |
| Election and Voter Registration | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Financial Administration | 85,329.47 | 85,737.38 |
| Financial/Executive | 30,713.78 | 30,507.92 |
| RP Appraisal Services | 11,500.00 | 11,500.00 |
| Judicial & Legal Expenses | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 |
| Personnel Administration | 597,524.18 | 607,524.18 |
| Planning & Zoning | 52,492.00 | 51,171.31 |
| General Government Building | 39,650.00 | 39,650.00 |
| Cemeteries | 14,000.00 | 14,000.00 |
| Insurance | 66,488.00 | 66,488.00 |
| Ads & Regional Associations | 2,625.00 | 2,625.00 |
| Police Department | 435,840.00 | 425,655.00 |
| Ambulance | 85,602.00 | 85,602.00 |
| Fire Department | 62,165.00 | 62,165.00 |
| Building Inspection | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Emergency Management | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 |
| Dispatching Services | 22,426.00 | 22,426.00 |
| Highway Department | 878,481.00 | 865,771.59 |
| Bridge Expenses | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Street Lighting | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 186,488.00 | 181,922.00 |

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| Health Administration | 2,300.00 | 2,300.00 |
| Health Agencies and Hospitals | 5,736.00 | 5,736.00 |
| Welfare | 27,754.00 | 27,557.31 |
| Culture & Recreation | 8,603.00 | 8,603.00 |
| Library | 109,536.00 | 109,536.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Conservation Administration | 7,887.00 | 7,838.79 |
| Debt Service | 44,371.36 | 44,371.36 |
| Total | 3,073,630.79 | 3,049,676.75 |

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Select Board recommended sum of \$754,750.00 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established, as follows:

| | Budget Committee Recommends | Select Board Recommends |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Blacktop Roads | \$300,000.00 | \$300,000.00 |
| Gravel Roads | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Tree Maintenance | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Computers Admin | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Welfare Direct Assistance | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Town Hall Facility | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Library ADA Modifications | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Highway Heavy Equipment | 27,000.00 | 27,000.00 |
| Police Depart. Cruisers | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| Police Depart. Computer Equipment | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Accrued Benefits | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Conservation Land | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Highway Equipment Plow/Dump Trucks | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| Highway Bridges | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Forest Fire Equipment | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Fire Equipment Replacement | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Rescue Vehicle | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Municipal Building Fund | 80,000.00 | 80,000.00 |
| Master Plan Update | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Legal Fees | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Highway Grader | 26,000.00 | 26,000.00 |
| Historical Records Preservation | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total | 754,750.00 | 754,750.00 |

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (gross budget) by obtaining a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (NHCWSRF) loan for the purpose of hiring a Certified Lake Management/Engineering firm to prepare a watershed-based plan for Kezar Lake, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon for the sole purpose of obtaining that loan. The plan will address watershed scale stormwater impacts to the lake and prevent future algae blooms. Once the plan is completed, the Town will be eligible for certain grants aimed at reducing threats to the lake's ecosystem and to remediate identified pollution

threats. The bond will be in the form of a loan from the Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the full amount of principal will be entirely forgiven when the plan is completed pursuant to DES requirements. The town will be required to pay interest on the loan amount, however, this article is contingent upon the Kezar Lake Protective Association (KLPA) depositing into escrow an amount sufficient to reimburse the town for all of those interest payments prior to the finalization of the loan agreement; as well as KLPA providing a surety to repay any portion of the principal which is not forgiven, if any. Not recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (3/5 ballot vote required)

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to establish an HR Workplace Modification Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for requests for reasonable accommodations in the workplace such as providing or modifying equipment or devices, making the workplace readily accessible to and usable by people with disabilities and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 7: To see if the town will vote to establish a Conservation Commission Special Projects Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for special conservation projects such as signage, kiosks, trail bridges, and maps and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$10,000 for the purpose of paving the Grist Mill parking lot. (Majority vote required).

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to increase the town clerk's wages from \$47,519.47 to \$50,000.00 beginning January 1, 2024.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for the purpose of operating costs for the Sutton Historical Society's headquarters, the Cressy House in South Sutton for the year 2024.

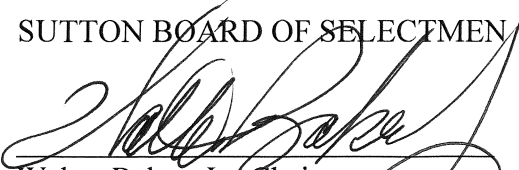
Article 11: To see if the town will vote to establish a Highway Department Sand & Salt Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to supplement the existing operational budget line for the purchase of sand and salt for the town roads and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to be added to the Accrued Benefits Expendable Non-Capital Reserve previously established in 1994. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by general taxation. Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

Article 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

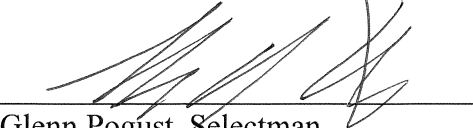
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