

**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 14th day of March 2023 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 15th day of March 2023 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:** Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to replace the existing Article IX -- Cluster Development with a revised and improved Article IX -- Cluster Development?

The revised Article IX increases the minimum acreage permitted in the Rural Agricultural District to 25 acres and makes a distinction between "Open Space" for conservation and "Common Land".

The revised Article IX increases the perimeter buffer from 25 feet to 100 feet and revises the rules for access roads to the development and internal travel ways and driveways within the development.

This revised Article IX no longer permits commercial uses or apartment buildings within a cluster development.

The revised Article IX also contains changes in the existing Article IX concerning organization, wording, grammar and clarity of language.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,896,378 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

	<b>Budget Committee Recommends</b>	<b>Select Board Recommends</b>
Executive Office	\$221,729	\$216,437
Election and Voter Registration	3,380	3,308
Financial Administration	89,815	87,415
Financial/Executive	29,442	29,165
RP Appraisal Services	11,500	11,500
Judicial & Legal Expenses	18,000	18,000
Personnel Administration	563,019	556,087
Planning & Zoning	45,880	44,899
General Government Building	34,750	36,100
Cemeteries	16,000	17,000
Insurance	61,650	61,650

Ads & Regional Associations	2,508	2,508
Police Department	407,761	395,284
Ambulance	84,538	84,538
Fire Department	62,165	62,165
Building Inspection	6,332	6,116
Emergency Management	2,087	2,050
Dispatching Services	22,426	22,426
Highway Department	819,093	806,933
Bridge Expenses	3,000	3,000
Street Lighting	4,200	4,200
Solid Waste Disposal	183,122	180,653
Health Administration	2,250	2,250
Health Agencies and Hospitals	5,736	5,736
Welfare	27,378	27,174
Culture & Recreation	8,853	8,853
Library	106,550	105,568
Patriotic Purposes	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	7,842	7,792
Debt Service	44,372	44,372
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,896,378</b>	<b>2,854,179</b>

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$655,500 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established, as follows:

	<b>Budget Committee Recommends</b>	<b>Select Board Recommends</b>
Blacktop Roads	250,000	250,000
Gravel Roads	5,000	5,000
Tree Maintenance	10,000	10,000
Computers Admin	4000	9,000
Welfare Direct Assistance	5,000	5,000
Town Hall Facility	500	500
Library ADA Modifications	2,500	2,500
Highway Heavy Equipment	15,000	15,000
Police Depart. Computer Equipment	3,500	3,500
Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	0	2,500
Conservation Land	3,500	3,500
Highway Equipment Plow/Dump Trucks	60,000	90,000
Highway Bridges	50,000	50,000
Forest Fire Equipment	250	250
Fire Equipment Replacement	25,000	25,000
Rescue Vehicle	5,000	5,000
Property Revaluation/Mapping	12,750	12,750
Cemetery – Mastin Road	0	30,000
Municipal Building Fund	30,000	30,000
Fire Safety Equipment	37,000	37,000
Fire/Safety Building	50,000	50,000
Master Plan Update	2,000	2,000
Legal Fees	3,000	3,000

Highway Grader	13,000	13,000
Historical Records Preservation	1,000	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>588,000</b>	<b>655,500</b>

**Recommended by the Select Board. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.**

**Article 5:** To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund established in 2002 to the Watershed Invasive Species Capital Reserve Fund and further to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend. (2/3 vote required).

**Article 6:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,000 for the purpose of acquiring a fully equipped, 10-wheel Plow/Dump Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of \$200,000 from the Highway Equipment "Plow/Dump" Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of up to \$60,000 is to come from a one-time special Highway Block Grant Revenue provided by the State of NH for this Purpose. No amount to be raised by general taxation. **Recommended by the Select Board. Recommended by the Budget Committee.** (Majority vote required)

**Article 7:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of conducting an independent wage classification study and update of personnel and purchasing policies. (Majority vote required)

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of repairs to the Old Store Museum. (Majority vote required)

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the sale of Tax Deeded Land on Meetinghouse Hill Road, located at Tax Map/Lot 04-194-375 and 04-207-389 for the sum of \$5,000.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize, but not obligate, the Board of Selectmen to convey title to property located at Tax Map 03-776-234, which was obtained by the town via tax deed in 2020, on such terms and conditions as the selectmen may deem reasonable and appropriate.

**Article 11:** Shall the town readopt the Optional Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00? (Majority vote required).

**Article 12:** Shall the town readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required) NOTE: This article is required because the legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

**Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for the purpose of operating costs for the Sutton Historical Society's headquarters, the Cressy House in South Sutton. Insurance for the headquarters is almost \$5K a year, heating is approximately \$3K a year, and electricity is over \$100 a month. A petitioned Warrant Article is necessary.

**Petitioned Warrant Article. Recommended by the Select Board. Recommended by the Budget Committee.**


**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the Kezar Lake Protective Association to administer the Kezar Lake Host Program. **Petitioned Warrant Article. Recommended by the Select Board. Recommended by the Budget Committee.**

**Article 15:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

  
Dane Headley, Chair

  
Walter Baker, Jr., Selectman

  
Michael McManus, Selectman