

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 10th day of March 2020 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 through 4. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 11th day of March 2020 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 Amendment 1 to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows: Add to Article XV the following definitions: Legal Nonconforming Buildings or Structures; Legal Nonconforming Lot; Legal Nonconforming Uses?

Article 3: Are you in favor of Amendment 2 to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows: Delete the entire current Article VII and replace it with revised regulations relating to Non-conforming Uses, Non-conforming Buildings and Structures, and Non-conforming Lots? These proposed zoning changes clarify what properties are or are not buildable and add some flexibility to the expansion of Legal Non-conforming structures.”

Article 4: Are you in favor of Amendment 3 to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Make various editorial and formatting (non-substantive) changes and corrections to the ordinance?

Article 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,479,193 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Board of Selectmen recommend \$2,484,794 (Majority vote required):

Recommended by:	Budget	
	Committee	Selectmen
Executive Office	168,403	168,403
Election and Voter Registration	8,675	8,675
Financial Administration	69,875	72,000
Financial/Executive	23,784	23,784
RP Appraisal Services	14,000	14,000
Judicial & Legal Expenses	15,000	15,000
Personnel Administration	446,709	446,709
Planning & Zoning	39,434	39,434
General Government Building	38,400	38,400
Cemeteries	14,000	14,000
Insurance	65,552	65,552
Ads & Regional Associations	2,255	2,255
Police Department	358,900	358,900
Ambulance	81,614	81,614
Fire Department	56,525	56,525
Building Inspection	9,700	9,700
Emergency Management	6,000	6,000

Dispatching Services	25,601	25,601
Highway Department	679,780	679,780
Bridge Expenses	3,000	3,000
Street Lighting	7,550	7,550
Solid Waste Disposal	178,925	178,925
Health Administration	2,250	2,250
Health Agencies and Hospitals	5,353	5,353
Welfare	26,525	26,525
Culture & Recreation	13,963	13,963
Library	64,011	67,487
Patriotic Purposes	1,000	1,000
Conservation Administration	7,537	7,537
Debt Service	44,872	44,872

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$759,951 to be added to various capital reserve funds previously established as follows:

Blacktop Roads	\$200,000
Gravel Roads	30,000
Computers Admin	9,000
Welfare Direct Assistance	5,000
Town Hall Facility	1000
Septage Lagoons	5,000
Library Modifications	10,000
Highway Heavy Equipment	27,000
Police Cruisers	21,000
Police Department Computer Equipment	3,500
Cemetery Fence and Tombstone	5,000
Municipal Building Fund	3,000
Conservation Land	7,000
Highway Equipment "Plow/Dump Trucks"	120,000
Highway Bridges	50,000
Solid Waste Facility	5,000
Forest Fire Equipment	250
Fire Equipment Replacement	75,000
Rescue Vehicle	8,201
Property Revaluation/Mapping	25,000
Cemetery Land	5,000
Fire Department Addition	100,000
Legal Fees	3,000
Highway Grader	26,000
Records Preservation	2,000
CR Rescue Equipment	14,000

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

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Pickup Truck Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998, said funds with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal to be transferred to the general fund (approximately \$38,897.23). The replacement for the pickup will be an F550 truck, or equivalent, and will be funded through the Highway Equipment

(Plow/Dump) Truck Fund. **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 \$90,000 for the purpose of purchasing a fully-equipped F-550 Truck and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$90,000 from the Heavy Equipment Trucks Capital Reserve Fund established in 1993 for that purpose. No amount 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 \$45,600 for the purpose of razing the building located at 26 Grist Mill Street (Tax Map/Lot 06-427-248), currently owned by the town. Passage of this article nullifies the following article to repair and/or rehabilitate the building and the following two articles will be tabled. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$46,750 for the purpose of demolishing the ell and barn and retaining and sealing the remaining structure, located at 26 Grist Mill Street (Tax Map/Lot 06-427-248), currently owned by the town. Passage of the preceding article to raze the entire building shall nullify this article and if the preceding article is passed, this article and the next shall be tabled. **Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to create a 26 Grist Mill Street Ongoing Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of ongoing maintenance items such as painting and utilities and to raise and appropriate \$3,000 to be placed in that fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend said fund. **Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to create a Fire Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring fire safety equipment and to raise and appropriate \$37,000 to be placed in that fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend said fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to create a Ballot Counting Machine Capital Reserve fund and further to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to be placed in that fund and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend said fund. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to purchase LED street lights to replace existing incandescent street lights. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the purpose of cleaning up, removing junk from and conducting environmental testing on property located at 155 Route 103 (Tax Map/Lot 01-407-067) in accordance with authority granted to the town by order of the Merrimack County Superior Court. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of acquiring Avitar Clerk/Motor Vehicle Software. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town to obtain a maintenance easement on property located at Tax Map/Lot 07-921-368, currently owned by the North Sutton Improvement Society. The easement will make available to town residents and the general public the use of the private parking area existing on the property with the Town being responsible for its maintenance. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to negotiate the specific terms of this easement. **Recommended by the Budget Committee. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

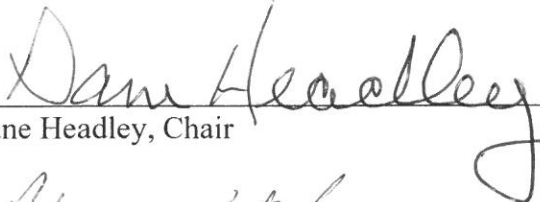
Article 18: To see if the town will vote to adopt the **New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution.** We the town of Sutton hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Sutton's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Sutton's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Sutton's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. Petitioned by Elizabeth Howell and 27 others. **Not Recommended by the Budget Committee. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Given under our hands and seal, this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Dane Headley, Chair


Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman


William I. Curless, Selectman