

Sutton Select Board Meeting  
April 30, 2026

Tim Simpson, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05PM

Modifications: none

Attendance: Select Board Chair: Tim Simpson; Select Board Members: Denis Royer, II, Town Clerk/Treasurer: Patti McClure; Highway Foreman: Shane Heath; Minutes Clerk: Mary Gray; Public: Martin Quatt; Adam Bruggeman; Dana Patoine; Lesa Johnson

***Denis made a motion to approve the March 26, 2026 Select Board Minutes. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed***

***Denis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2026. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed***

Delinquent Tax Report was handed out.

Visitors:

Martin Quatt-Tire situation at the end of Underpass Road: Martin said there was a U-Haul loading tires, so on a positive note the property owner has started to remove them.

Dana Patoine: Update on energy efficient improvements for the Town Office. The solar panels will be placed on the roof of the office and garage; a 5% deposit is required at the time the contract is signed. Windows will be installed; the air/heat mini-split system will be installed. If any money is left, the heating unit could be replaced.

Roadside mowing bid: none were received.

Shane talked with Pete's Equipment in Morrisville about renting a tractor and mower. The quoted cost is \$4,900 for a 40-hour week. Shane felt it would take 2 weeks to mow. Denis felt we should do our own mowing, that way it will be done the way we want it done. Shane said if we want to rent from them, we need to make that decision soon since they are in demand and booked out to September. We budgeted \$12,000 for roadside mowing. Shane is going to an equipment show next week and he will report back to see if there are any other options.

Sand Bids: Discussed putting the bid out for 4,500 yards with bids to be opened at the board meeting in May.

Lesla Johnson explained she was driving home from work during an extremely foggy night and had an accident where she could not see the lines on the road and went off the side of the road into a culvert and totaled her vehicle. Shane said he has been looking into reflectors or maybe guardrails on where the road has deep drop offs. Shane said there are various areas that could use reflectors. The deep drop offs are

delineated with cones placed at the edges. Also, the lines did not hold up when the state painted them on Calendar Brook Road last year.

Shane received an estimate of \$352,868 for an aluminum arch culvert for South Ridge Road. Nate Sicard was wondering if we want to wait since we have until 2027 to utilize the funds. He did caution though if we do not use the funds by that year, we will not receive any funds to help us in the future. The board wants Nate to put a bid out and make it clear **“the town has the right to reject any and all bids.”**

Green Burial Policy: Patti checked with our attorney and was advised not to adopt a Green Burial Policy. Our attorney did say we should have a policy if someone wants to be buried on their own property, they abide by the state laws and follow their guidelines and they sign off on it and file this with the town for recording along with a detailed map of where the person is buried on the property. Patti will have something for the board at the next meeting.

Also discussed with the attorney was the cleaning up the junk on the property on Pudding Hill Rd. The town would put a lien on the property for any and all expenses incurred for this process including attorney fees. The town will draw up an agreement for them to sign, stating they are responsible for any and all expenses incurred for cleaning up the property including attorney fees. The town will recoup the fees by either the property owners paying or when the property is sold, the payment will be paid at the time of the sale. Tim received an approximate cleanup fee of \$20,000. Tim said he will talk to the parties involved to see if they will be willing to make the above arrangement. The decision was made if everyone agreed but payment is not made until the property is sold, no interest will be charged.

Before the fines are levied, the deadline date of the agreement is May 4, 2026 after that date if the property owners do not agree, the fines will start on May 5, 2026.

Act 181 was discussed and the town will be submitting a letter to the legislators to repeal Act 181. Patti will write the letter and have the select board members sign it.

Invoices and Warrants Signed

Correspondence

Denis made a motion to adjourn at 7:31PM. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Submitted:

Mary Gray

Minutes Clerk