

Sutton Select Board Meeting  
May 28, 2026

Tim Simpson, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01PM

Attendance: Select Board Chair: Tim Simpson; Select Board Members: Denis Royer II; Joe Solinsky; Town Clerk/Treasurer: Patti McClure; Ariane Kittredge; DRB Member: Rob Simms; NEK Waste District Member; Adam Bruggeman; Public: Nate Sicard; Michael Miller; Jason (JA McDonald); Minutes Clerk: Mary Gray

Agenda Modifications: Rob Simms DRB update

***Denis made a motion to approve the April 30, 2026 Select Board Meeting Minutes. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed***

***Denis made a motion to approve the May 28, 2026 Treasurer's report. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed***

Delinquent Tax Report was handed out.

Rob Simms: DRB Board Member: The board is working on the state mandated by-laws/town plan update for the Town of Sutton. Rob submitted a sample survey for the board's review for their input to be mailed to the Sutton Residents. The DRB Board received a grant for mailing the surveys to the town residents; to include paying for an open house/informational meeting with a light meal served for the town residents to explain why the By-laws/town plan needs to be updated to comply with the regional plan mandates which is in influx because of Act 181 and land use issues being written up by NVDA. The state is requiring components for education; land use; energy; transportation and flood resilience and short-term rentals. This survey will give the residents input. Along with the mailings it will also be online with Survey Monkey on the town website.

Rob explained this updated by-laws/town plan will need to be approved by the Select Board Members by December 2026 and presented to the town residents to be voted on at the annual town meeting in 2027.

The Sutton DRB does not agree with many areas of Act 181 such as mapping, land under current use and now classified as general. DRB goal is to get the town plan done and then worry about whether it coincides with the mandates with the regional plan. We are all interested in what happens in this town.

Patti will check with the school to see if we could use it on June 18, 2026 at 6PM to have the open house/informational meeting to launch the survey.

Adam Bruggeman-NEK Waste District Update: A letter from Christian Thompson, NEK Waste District Executive Director was mailed out explaining the fees going up and

charging for items that have been free in the past. Adam voted against it for 2 reasons, because Sutton pays per capita; and for the amount the fees will be going up. He explained the cost of getting rid of such things as mattresses is expensive, so people are stuck with them or throw them over an embankment then the town needs to deal with it. The fees are something we (the town) have no control over. The new management under Chris' guidance is trying to make the numbers work and reign in on the budgets.

**Denis made a motion to adopt the yearly Local Emergency Management plan. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed**

Open Junk Clean up bids: 1 bid:

- Nick's Landscaping and Firewood for \$21,700.00 to clean up the outside of the Pudding Hill residence.

The Town of Sutton is placing a lien against the property of Gale and Lorraine Berry for \$21,000.00 for cleaning up the outside of their residence. The town has a notarized agreement from Berry's stating they are responsible for the \$21,000.00 for cleaning the outside yard of their property on Pudding Hill. The town attorney drew up the lien against their property. Since the bid was \$700.00 over the agreed amount, the town will need to pay the overage plus the attorney fee of \$800.00.

**Tim made a motion to accept the bid for the Pudding Hill Clean-up for \$21,700 from Nick's Landscaping and Firewood. Denis seconded the motion. Motion passed with Tim and Denis voting yes and Joe voting nay. Motion passed.**

Open Sand Bids: 1 bid received

- Simpson Dirtworx for \$47,250.00 was received. The bid included the price breakdown being \$10.50/ yard for 4,500 yards.

**Joe made a motion to accept the bid from Simpson Dirt Worx for \$47,250.00 ( \$10.50/ yard). Denis seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Open South Ridge Culvert Construction Bids: 7 bids received for the South Ridge Culvert:

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| • Gravel Construction              | \$471,449.00 |
| • Kurt Fenoff & Son Excavating     | \$213,581.00 |
| • Alliance Consulting & Excavating | \$242,035.00 |
| • Simpson Dirtworx                 | \$195,375.00 |
| • Kirby Mountain Landscaping       | \$237,400.00 |
| • JA McDonald                      | \$232,500.00 |
| • Darryl Matthews Excavating       | \$181,325.00 |

Nate Sicard from Ruggles: Recommended all of the bidders since they all have expertise to build these structures. Nate is completely comfortable awarding this bid to the lowest bidder Matthews Excavating with his bid of \$181,325.00. Nate said he will be

there through the process and he will also send notes to the other bidders for Patti. The board appreciates his input on this.

**Joe made a motion to award the bid to Darryl Matthews Excavating for \$181,325.00. Denis seconded the motion. Discussion: Nate suggested the board members sign the accepted proposal tonight so Darryl can start the process tomorrow. Motion passed.**

Shane updated the board he has reserved the mower for the first two weeks in August. For \$4,500. Per week. Patti said other town clerks are receiving bids from Jeff Masure for mowing. Shane will contact him to see if he would be interested in sending a price for mowing.

Shane spoke with Pike Industries about the issues on Calendar Brook Road in front of the Belanger's house; they will be here next week to repair it. Also, Patti said she has not officially received the paperwork on the paving grant for Underpass Road but understands they will receive it.

Shane will be on vacation next week.

Green Burial Policy will be adopted at the next meeting.

Denis made a couple calls to the state about a couple of properties in the town that need to be dealt with. Denis will be contacting Frank Erickson, the Enforcement Officer. Tim talked to the secretary at the Environmental office; she was going to pass it on to Mr. McCall and he will get back to Tim.

Patti informed the board that Bourne Energy will be on site June 1<sup>st</sup> about switching tanks out since we are severing ties with American gas.

Reviewed invoices and signed warrants.

**Denis made a motion to adjourn at 7:28PM. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Submitted by  
Mary Gray  
Minutes Clerk