

Sutton Select Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2026

Denis Royer, II Select Board Member called the meeting to order at 6:03PM

Attending: Select Board Members: Denis Royer, II; Joe Solinsky; Town Clerk/Treasurer: Patti McClure; Ariane Kittredge; Highway Foreman: Shane Heath; Caledonia Sheriff Brandon Thraikil; Officer Robert Gerrish (running for Sheriff); Caledonia Record: Paul Hayes; Public: Michael Miller; Minutes Clerk: Mary Gray

Agenda Modifications: Officer Gerrish

Denis made a motion to approve May 28, 2026 Select Board Meeting Minutes. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Denis made a motion to approve the June 25, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Delinquent Tax Report was handed out.

Caledonia Sheriff Brandon Thraikil – came to explain since he was appointed his goal was to be fully staffed and to be fully funded by increasing the number of contracts they could obtain and unfortunately raising hours rates for the coverage. But his goal of being fully staff has been obtained. They hired another deputy that will also be their dispatcher. He explained they do their own dispatching and do not utilize the Vermont State Police dispatching services. Prior to this past February Brandon was the only field officer, which made coverage difficult, so another goal was obtained by having more field training officers. The coverage for Sutton was not able to be met because of the staff shortage but with the additional staff the department will now be able to provide the hours. Another adjustment he is working on is varying the hours of coverage; it will not be just the 8 to 4 coverage any longer. He feels the potential to increase services for all the towns will be discussed when the new contracts go out. They are maxing out with the staff and want to hire another person but that depends on the contracts with each town and other contracts he could obtain. By starting the conversation now at the end of the year we can talk about increasing the contracts. The contracts should be out between October and November just before your town budget. .

Deputy Robert Gerrish came to introduce himself and explain he is running for Sheriff. He is currently employed with Lyndonville Police Dept. He has been in law enforcement since 2014 and has experience in multiple areas of law enforcement.

Denis made the motion to Adopt the At Home Burial Policy. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A letter from the Robert and Charlotte Middleton requesting a burial plot in the town cemetery, being from out of town, the policy is the select board will need to approve the request.

Joe made a motion to allow Robert and Charlotte Middleton to be buried in the town cemetery of their choice in Sutton. Denis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Shane Heath, Highway Foreman: Grant applied for the Underpass Road section: The Grant is for \$85,275.00 we do have the money to do it base coat this year and do the top the following year. The Grant starts this July 1 to next year. This will be from the Morey Road down to the white fence on Underpass Road. Estimated at \$109,000 with the gravel total cost. Once it goes out to bid, we will know the exact cost. There is one culvert that may need to be replaced during this paving project.

Culvert on Sheffield Rd near Woods Hill has some issues that they have been working on, and Shane feels that it is filled with gravel, but it could be flushing itself out now.

Berry property cleanup has been completed.

Review Invoices and Sign Warrants

The State of Vermont sent us a notification that Ryan and Marci Simpson's septic design for their subdivision shows the proposed leach field isolation zone extends into the Fire Department property. This was an information letter only.

Correspondence

Joe made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 PM. Denis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Submitted by:
Mary Gray
Minutes Clerk