

Sutton Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2026

Joe Solinsky 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 Record: Paul Hayes; DRB Member: Adam Bruggeman; Public: Ryan Simpson, Dianna Simpson, Tara Scheidet, Donald Prince, Wanda Jastrzembksi-Prince, Stan Weed, Beth Quimby, Rick Kittredge, Tim Cramer from Blacktop and Norm Patneaud from Pike.

Agenda Modifications: Add Adam Bruggeman from the PC/DRB

Denis made a motion to approve June 25, 2026 Select Board Meeting Minutes. Joe seconded the motion with modification that paving to start at Ernie Evans Rd. not Morey Rd. Motion passed.

Denis made a motion to approve the July 30, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Denis made a motion to appoint Ariane Kittredge as Town Clerk and Treasurer to replace Patricia McClure who is stepping down. Joe Second the motion. Motion passed.

Joe made a motion to appoint Ryan Simpson as a Select Board member to fill Tim Simpson's position. Denis second the motion. Motion passed.

Denis made a motion to appoint Joe Solinsky as the Select Board Chair to finish out Tim Simpson's term. Ryan second the motion. Motion passed.

Delinquent Tax Report was handed out.

Tara Scheidet told the select board that they held their first conservation commission meeting. Donald Prince, Wanda Jastrzembksi-Prince, Katy Banovic, Lauren Chamberlin and Heather Bella all would like to join the conservation commission. They are going to start having meetings monthly to be held on the 3rd Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton Fire Department. VTConservation.org gives a lot of good information regarding conservation commissions.

Denis made the motion to appoint Donald Prince, Wanda Jastrzembksi-Prince, Katy Banovic, Lauren Chamberlin and Heather Bella to the conservation commission. Ryan second the motion. Motion passed.

The State of Vermont sent a letter stating that the Fire Chief will now be the Fire Warden. This means that Kyle Seymour will be the new Fire Warden. He can appoint deputies.

Denis made a motion to set the Municipal tax rate of \$.6902 and the Veterans tax rate of \$.0054. Ryan second the motion. Motion passed. The board accepted Non-Homestead education tax rate of \$1.5946 and the Homestead education tax rate of \$1.4996. The makes the total Non-Homestead tax rate \$2.4176 and the Homestead tax rate \$2.3391.

Community National Bank is extending the line of credit due date to December 3, 2026 and Passumpsic Bank is extending the line of credit due date to December 31, 2026 with the acceptance and signatures of the Select Board.

Denis made a motion to extend the Community National Bank line of credit due date to December 3, 2026. Ryan second the motion. Motion passed.

Denis made a motion to extend the Passumpsic Bank line of credit due date to December 31, 2026. Ryan second the motion. Motion passed.

Adam Bruggeman from the PC/DRB is asking the board permission to spend up to \$600 in attorney fees to help with a subdivision application received by Tony Laplant. Using the same law firm that was used for the Tabitha Homes Subdivision application.

Denis made a motion to allow the PC/DRB to spend up to \$600 in attorney fees to help them with the Tony Laplant subdivision application. Ryan second the motion. Motion passed.

Two paving bids were received for the Underpass Rd paving project. The first bid opened was from Pike Industries with a price of \$107,244.75. The second bid opened was from Blacktop with a price of \$106,206.02.

Denis made a motion to accept the paving bid from Blacktop. Joe second the motion. Motion passed.

Tim Cramer said if we get the signed agreement back to him as soon as possible they should be able to pave early September.

Shane said the mower they signed the contract for will be here Monday, August 3rd. Travis Courser submitted a late bid for roadside mowing in the amount of \$10,800. He can start in two weeks by renting a mower himself. Shane will call to see if we can get out of the contract we signed to rent the mower.

Ryan made a motion to hire Travis Courser to do the roadside mowing as long as we can get out of the rental contract. Denis second the motion. Motion passed.

Shane got a price on a new backhoe from Case in the amount of \$194,000 plus attachments of \$7,700 for a total of \$201,700. They offered a trade allowance for the

current JCB we have in the amount of \$34,000. The JCB has transmission issues and many sensor issues. The John Deere quote from a few years ago was \$207,000. Cargill salt contract pricing this year is \$1.2825 per ton for Clearlane and \$1.15 per ton for Deicer. Contracts were signed by Joe Solinsky.

Shane asked the Select Board if they thought they were going to want to re-open the Sutton Hollow Road or not. They don't think they want to but we should check with Logan Perron on the proper procedures to not open it back up.

Monday we will have the oath paperwork signed by Ariane and Ryan.

Shane and the selectboard talked about the current personnel policy and they want to make a change to it for employees to be eligible for three weeks of vacation after seven years instead of ten years. Policy will be changed and adopted at the next Select Board meeting in August.

Correspondence was handed out and warrants were signed.

Denis made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Submitted by:
Patricia McClure
Town Clerk