

Sutton Select Board Meeting
August 27, 2026

Joe Solinsky, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Agenda Modifications: Select Board Chair: Joe Solinsky; Select Board Members: Ryan Simpson; Denis Royer, II; Town Clerk/Treasurer: Ariane Kittredge; Highway Foreman: Shane Heath; Public: Rick Kittredge; Adam Bruggeman; Michael Miller; Cindy Young; Richard Knight; Minutes Clerk: Mary Gray

Ryan made a motion to accept the July 30, 2026 Select Board Minutes. Joe 2nd the motion. Discussion: Tax Rates correction to be non-Homestead education tax rate of \$1.7220 and Homestead education tax rate of \$1.6435. Also, correction from Case for the backhoe being \$194,000 includes the attachments for \$7,700.00. Motion passed with corrections.

Joe made a motion to accept the August 26, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Ryan 2nd the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Delinquent Tax Report was handed out.

Visitors: Richard Knight and Cindy Young are inquiring about the property at the bottom of Underpass Road with all the tires and also the property at 5121 US Route 5 that also has tires and other items on the property. Richard called the state and now understands the state only has 5 employees that deal with these circumstances of possible environmental pollution and legally the town is not able to go onto the property to clean it up. Plus, he understands the town would not be able to afford to do this.

Update the Personnel Policy: Update vacation time 4 weeks after 7 years rather than 10 years.

Denis made a motion to update the Personnel Policy to read full-time employees will receive 4 weeks' vacation after 7 years of employment. Ryan 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Highway: Shane update:

- Shane has been looking at different places to purchase a backhoe and excavator to replace our equipment. The discussion was for Shane to keep looking since we would need to configure our equipment shed or build something to house the new equipment because of the size. Ryan suggested we look at the state auctions, since they do maintain their equipment and they have very good deals. Suggestions we use the backhoe as a backup until spring. Also depending on the equipment, we may need to also purchase a trailer.

- Travis Courser said there are a couple of places that he can't get to with his mowers and Shane will address this with him.
- Culvert on South Ridge will be starting in September.
- Pudding Hill bridge needs to be addressed soon. Ask Logan to put on the list.
- Plow bids will be put out next month.

Review invoices and warrants signed.

No Correspondence

Denis made a motion to adjourn at 7:32PM. Ryan 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Submitted by:
Mary Gray
Minutes Clerk