

Sutton Select Board Meeting
September 24, 2026

Joe Solinkey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03PM

Attendance: Select Board Chair: Joe Solinsky; Select Board Members: Ryan Simpson; Denis Royer, II; Town Clerk/Treasurer: Ariane Kittredge; Highway Foreman: Shane Heath; Public: Adam Bruggeman; Travis Courser; Paul (Caledonia Record) Michael Miller; Minutes Clerk: Mary Gray

Modifications: Mary Gray for Lister's Errors & Omissions for 2026 Grand List.

Denis made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes of August 27, 2026. Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: Agenda Modifications should have been a separate line item in the minutes. Motion passed with corrections.

Denis made a motion to approve September 24, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Ryan seconded the motion. Discussion: FEMA mutual aid grant: \$304,000 transferred for the prior year flood damage; this represents roughly half of total assessed damage, with additional funds pending. Line of credit balance of \$336,848 extended to December by Patti; this must be converted to a formal loan after that. Explained the IRS penalty was for a missed 941 form for the first quarter of the payroll filing, this was due to a change from quarterly to monthly filing. Motion passed.

Delinquent Tax Report was handed out. Some are now making arrangements to get their taxes paid by Oct 31. We shall see if they follow through.

Visitors: Travis Courser

VLCTPACIF & VERB – Insurance Board Representation:

The Select Board authorized a designated representative to cast ballots for director elections on behalf of the town for two entities: Property/casualty insurance and Employment resource/benefit trust.

Joe made a motion to vote for Bruce Urie (Property/casualty ballot). Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed

Denis made a motion to abstain from the Employment/benefits (VERB) ballot due to lack of candidate information. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Errors & Omissions for Portland Pipeline was explained by Lister Mary Gray: A separate parcel of 5.79 Acres was created for Portland Pipeline's land, which was already included in their utility value of the \$4 million plus value resulting in a double taxation. Correction of \$36,800 removed from the 2026 grand list being an adjustment in taxes of minus \$890.00.

Highway:
Snowplow:

Travis Courser talked about an estimate for plowing which was treated as a reference only. An ad for Snowplow bid will be going out next week to be opened at board meeting in October.

Underpass Road brushwork

Denis made a motion to have Travis Courser finish mowing the Underpass Road up to the white fence (reference Don Gregory's former residence) for \$2,000. from the budget of partially spent \$4,500. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

South Ridge Culvert completed but concerns raised about the road width: Nate will be contacted to see about potentially setting the guardrails back.

Shane updated the board on his research for two used loaders under consideration: a 2015 Cat (with 530 hours) and a 2011 John Deere 625; Interest rate is noted at 7%. The Highway Equipment Reserve Fund currently has \$100,000 with additional transfer of funds in December of \$50,000. The grader loan payoff of \$30,000 is due next year and this timing is relevant to any new loader purchase. The board wants Shane to inspect both machines before making any decision. Also to continue contacting the dealer.

Review invoices and Signed Warrants

No correspondence

The board attempted to enter into Executive Session but lack of properly warned reason on the agenda they made the decision to hold a Special Meeting on Monday September 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM for the Executive Session for legal matters.

Denis made a motion to adjourn at 7:13PM. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Submitted by
Mary Gray,
Minutes Clerk