Sutton Select Board Meeting
October 29, 2026

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

Attendance: Select Board Chair: Joe Solinsky; Select Board Members; Denis Royer, II; Ryan Simpson; Town Clerk/Treasurer: Ariane Kittredge; Highway Foreman; Shane Heath; Public: Adam Bruggeman; Jeff Norris; Michael Miller; Paul Hayes, Caledonian Record; Minutes Clerk; Mary Gray

Modifications: New Business: Adam Bruggeman NEKWMD and ATV Meeting scheduled for November 2026

Denis made a motion to approve September 24, 2026 Select Board Minutes. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed with the spelling correction of Joe Solinsky's name. Motion passed

Denis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for October 29, 2026. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Delinquent Tax report was handed out.

Visitors: Joe made an exception to having Jeff Norris speak since he was not here at the start of the meeting. Jeff's chief complaint is the property taxes and what can be done about them. Unfortunately, the educational tax is getting out of hand. Denis explained that the budget committee is frugal for the municipal tax, but unfortunately unforeseen circumstances happened with the flooding that we need to fix thinking we would receive help from either the FEDS or the State. Also keeping in mind, the town also needs to make sure the roads are safe and sometimes using materials in a different area is beyond what we could have projected. Jeff wanted to know what will happen in 2029 when the reappraisal needs to be done. No one has the answer at this point. Jeff indicated had he not sold some property he might not have been able to pay his taxes this year. Joe invited everyone to our budget meetings and urged everyone to go to the school budget meetings since everyone feels the educational rates are out of line.

New business:

- The next meeting will be November 25, 2026 due to Thanksgiving.

- **Adam Bruggeman reviewed the ATV Ordinance and reminded the board we need to set a meeting for an ATV review and suggested having the ATV Meeting on November 25, 2026 at 5:45 PM right before the select board meeting. The agenda will be posted, as we do for all meetings, with a change to the ATV Ordinance for the annual meeting from October to November each year.**

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Adam, representing NEKWMD informed the board that the increase for the NEKWMD budget is a 1.4% increase. Adam feels this is a reasonable budget with a minimal increase in light of the fuel and health care costs. Adam voted in favor of sending this budget out to the towns for their input. Adam asked if someone wanted to take over the position, they would find it interesting.

Highway:
Snow Blow bids: 2 bids were received. Spencer Service and TBC Custom Trades, LLC.

- TBC Custom Trades, LLC
  - East side $260.00 plow and sand; $135.00 sand only
  - West side $485.00 plow and sand; $310.00 sand only
- Spencer Service
  - East side $325.00 plow and sand; $325.00 sand only
  - West side $250.00 plow and sand; $250.00 sand only

Denis made a motion to award the winter snow plowing bid to Spencer Service for the east and west side of Sutton. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vermont Transportation: Issued a letter to Sutton for posting signs to lower the weight limit on Pudding Hill Bridge. Posting will be completed by November 2, 2026.

Loader discussion for purchasing a used loader from the Town of Washington for $65,000 with us paying the trucking fee of $800.00. Initially the Town of Washington wanted $69,000.

Denis made a motion to purchase a 2015 Caterpillar 926 loader from United Construction & Forestry out of Williston, VT for $65,000.00 with the payment coming out of the Reserve Equipment Fund. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next topic is how to store it. Dan Tanner gave a quote to raise the opening of the salt shed for $3,000.00 to house the loader. The door will cost $4,500.00. Dan Tanner will work with the door company that we hire to coordinate the construction at the salt shed.

Denis made a motion to spend $7,500. out of the Capital Building Reserve Fund for construction on the salt shed to house the loader. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lawrence Reindeau approached Shane about purchasing gravel at the same price as last year of $31,500.00 for 2,500 yards, this is still $12.50 per yard. Shane is to ask Lawrence if we can give him the $19,000 that we have the gravel fund and pay the rest next year.

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This will be under old business on the agenda for the November 25, 2026 meeting for a final decision.

Pudding Hill Bridge “Bridge #4”: Shane wants to know if he should start talking to any engineers with a reminder that once you start talking to an engineer, it will start costing money. Shane will look into some grants that might be able to help. Shane is looking at 3 grants to be put together: Structural Grant possible 50/50 match; another grant for $250,000 to be used between July – Sept; and F & W grant. He will be looking into all of these and keeping the board updated.

Warrants were signed.

Reminder there is a DRB meeting on Wednesday at 5 pm.

Denis made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Submitted:
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