

**WARNING  
TOWN OF SUTTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2026**

The legal voters of the Town of Sutton are hereby notified to meet at the Sutton School multi-purpose room in said Town on March 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

**NOTICE TO VOTERS:** Residents who are not already on the voter checklist may register to vote the day of Town Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Moderator Marlin "Chip" Devenger

The warning was read by Marlin "Chip" Devenger

- Article 1:** To elect a Moderator  
Joe Solinsky, Chair of the Select Board, opened the floor for nominations.  
Marlin "Chip" Devenger was nominated by Dana Patoine; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Seymour  
Close nominations by Scott Brill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Seymour  
Voice vote in the affirmative
- Article 2:** Shall the voters of Sutton accept the Town Report.  
Dana Patoine so moved. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Bruggeman and Larry Seymour  
Voice vote in the affirmative
- Article 3:** To elect all necessary officers for the ensuing year.
- Select Board – 3 years  
Joe Solinsky was nominated by Paul Lane; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norbert Patoine  
Norbert Patoine moved to cast 1 ballot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Bruggeman  
Voice vote in the affirmative
- Lister 3 – years  
Candace Heath was nominated by Mary Gray; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Lane  
Scott Brill moved to cast 1 ballot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dana Patoine  
Hand vote in the affirmative
- Town Grand Juror 1 – year  
Kathy Keizer was nominated by Tim Simpson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Brouha  
Hand vote in the affirmative

**First Constable 1 – year**  
**Kurt Nygren was nominated by Paul Brouha 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dana Patoine**  
**Voice vote in the affirmative**

**Second Constable 1 - year**  
**No nominations**

**Agent to Convey Real Estate 1 – year**  
**John Sylvester was nominated by Tim Simpson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry**  
**Seymour**  
**Voice vote in the affirmative**

**Water Commissioner 1 – year**  
**Scott Spencer was nominated by Shane Heath; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evan Carlson**  
**Voice vote in the affirmative**

**Auditor 3 – years**  
**Elaine Bandy was nominated by Shane Heath; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denis Royer.**  
**Joe Solinsky moved to cast 1 ballot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lary Seymour**  
**Voice vote in the affirmative**

**Sexton of Cemeteries 1 – year**  
**Patricia Jackson was nominated by Shane Heath; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norbert**  
**Patoine**  
**Voice vote in the affirmative**

**Article 4. Shall the voters of Sutton authorize the Select Board to hire money, if necessary in anticipation of taxes, to meet current expenses for the ensuing year and how much?**  
**Norbert Patoine motioned to authorize \$100,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karla Boone**  
**Hand vote in the affirmative**

**Article 5. Shall the voter of Sutton authorize payment of real and personal property taxes due Friday, November 6, 2026, and physical delivery to the tax collector by 4:00 P.M. on that day?**  
**Evan Carlton so moved; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Brill**  
**Voice vote in the affirmative**

**Article 6. Shall the voters of Sutton vote to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate in an amount sufficient to support the adopted budgets and any special appropriation articles approved when the Grand List is completed?**  
**Dana Patoine so moved; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evan Carlson**  
**Voice in the affirmative**

**Article 7.** Shall the voters of Sutton approve the amount of \$51,881.05 for the Ambulance service provided by Lyndon Rescue Inc. for calendar year 2026?

Scott Brill so moved; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Brouha  
Voice vote in the affirmative

**Article 8.** Shall the voters of Sutton approve the following appropriations request?

A. Burke Senior Meal Site	\$ 250.00
B. Caledonia Home Health	\$ 350.00
C. Cobleigh Public Library	\$ 1,300.00
D. Community Restorative Justice	\$ 250.00
E. Darling Inn Meal Site	\$ 400.00
F. Fairbanks Museum	\$ 700.00
G. Lyndon Youth Baseball/softball	\$ 1,000.00
H. Neighbors in Action	\$ 1,000.00
I. NEK Council on Aging	\$ 500.00
J. NEK Human Services	\$ 2,058.00
K. NEK Youth Services	\$ 250.00
L. Northwoods Stewardship Center	\$ 250.00
M. Rural Community Transportation	\$ 700.00
N. Sutton Parent Teacher's Group	\$ 6,000.00
O. Umbrella	\$ 700.00
P. Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 1,000.00
Q. Vermont Green UP	\$ 100.00
R. Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$ 100.00
S. Village Improvement Society/Powers Park	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	\$17,908.00

Paul Brouha motioned to approve A through S; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Bruggeman.

Hand vote in the affirmative

**Article 9.** Shall the voters of Sutton vote to adopt the proposed general and highway fund budgets for the ensuing year as printed in the Town Report?

Evan Carlson so moved; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norbert Patoine  
Hand vote in the affirmative

**Article 10.** To transact any other business that may be legally come before said meeting.

- Dana Patoine Sutton Energy Committee; received grant for energy efficiency for the Town Office/Garage.
- Dada has energy monitors for residents to use for energy efficiency. Use them and return them for the next person to use.
- Evan Carlson; Broadband; 2027 is slated for Sutton to be on board

- **Patti McClure:** this will be her last town meeting after 6 years. She thanked the residents for their support throughout the years. She and her husband are moving to Tennessee. Her term is 3 years so the Select Board will appoint until her term expires. Adam Bruggeman stated that the town has lost a great Town Clerk and she will be missed.
- **Sutton Hollow Road:** The 2 residents on that road are fine with not having all the traffic going by. The Select Board explained to throw up the road up, they would hold a special town meeting.
- **Adam Bruggeman** suggested if you want to get information on what is happening around town, or information on DRB/Planning Board they could attend in person or by zoom.

**Marty Feltus and Beth Quimby, Our House Representatives.**

- **Beth** is on the Education Committee; proposed maps were drawn up where St. Johnsbury was added along with Caledonia Co-op. The main concern is taking away school choice and independent schools. The Senate portion is to keep the school choice. She asked to be contacted with the concerns.
- **Marty** is on the Appropriates Committee; statewide education needs to be addressed. Out of the budget 1/3 goes to education; 1/3 to health; 1/3 to general fund for everything else.
- **Act 181** is a concern and there are hopes that they will get this delayed for public input. This pertains to housing shortages; homeless shelters, rural to preserve wildlife habitat. There is a large concern of others making decisions for their own property without notifying property owners.
- **Transportation** is short on income; suggestion is to put back the purchase & use tax into the fund and not directed to education.
- **Marty** is looking for a way to help small towns such as Sutton with flooding, she will know the end of March if the state can help. FEMA basically looks at the expenditures and although they are huge for small towns like Sutton, but in the larger picture, we do not have enough expenses to qualify.

The Select Board explained the expenses from the flooding and how it will impact the taxes for the next 5 years. We will not know until everything is a known factor how much the taxes will go up. But to date we have spent \$638,000 on the 2025 flood and the bank we are utilizing is Community National Bank with a 5 % interest rate. We are still working on how this will be funded. The Board will hold a special town meeting when we need to take a loan out for the flooding expenses.

**Article 11. To Adjourn**

**Dana Patoine** moved to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Paul Lane**  
Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM

Submitted by  
Patricia J. McClure, Town Clerk

A True Record of the minutes:

Attest: Patricia J. McClure  
Patricia J. McClure, Town Clerk

Minutes reviewed and accepted March 11, 2026

Jeffrey A. Solinsky  
Jeffrey Solinsky

Tim Simpson  
Tim Simpson

Denis Royer II  
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