

**TOWN OF SUTTON, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2014 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon (Polls to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act on Articles 1 and 2 and 3. You are further notified to meet at the Kearsarge Regional High School, North Road in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 12th day of March, 2014 at seven of the clock in the evening, to act upon the remaining Articles.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: Are you in favor of amending the Town of Sutton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows: to delete the current provisions of Article III, E regarding the regulation of the use of signs and replace it with language regulating the use of signs to include reducing size, clarifying the lighting and placement of signs, the use of temporary signs, prohibiting the use of off-premises signs, and further to amend provisions of Article XIV, Definitions, by deleting and inserting definitions consistent with the proposed changes to Article III, E.

Article 3: Are you in favor of having the office of town clerk combined with the office of tax collector, thereby creating a new office of town clerk-tax collector to be held by one individual for a three-year term. RSA 41:45-a. **This article was submitted by petition.**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,038,490 which represents the operating budget recommended by the Budget Committee shown in detail below. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.

4130	Executive	115,548
4140	Election & Registration	5,000
4150	Financial Administration	76,723
4150	Executive Financial Administration	19,900
4152	Revaluation of Property	6,000
4153	Legal Expense	22,500
4155	Personnel Administration	143,297
4191	Planning Board and Zoning	44,089
4194	General Government Buildings	25,340
4195	Cemeteries	14,000
4196	Insurance	69,600
4197	Regional Planning Commission	2,026
4210	Police Department	444,200
4215	Ambulance	42,334
4220	Fire Department	55,325
4240	Building Inspection	11,000
4290	Emergency Management	1,300

4299	Dispatching Services	20,684
4312	Highway Department	640,461
4313	Bridges	3,000
4316	Street Lighting	7,700
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	142,200
4411	Health Administration	2,000
4415	Health Agencies	5,339
4443	Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	19,025
4520	Culture & Recreation	11,663
4550	Library	39,755
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000
4611	Conservation Commission	3,110
4721	Debt Service	44,371

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$214,750 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Conservation Land	\$ 7,000
Highway Equipment Trucks	50,000
Town Bridges	10,000
Solid Waste Facility	3,000
Forest Fire Equipment	250
Fire Equipment Replacement	50,000
Rescue Vehicle	10,000
Cemetery	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	3,000
Highway Facility Shed	10,000
Highway Pickup Truck	4,000
Fire Department Addition	25,000
Legal Fees	2,500
Highway Backhoe	30,000
Records Preservation	2,000
Pillsbury Memorial Hall	3,000

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to repair and upgrade blacktop town roads.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$390,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Truck and further, to authorize the withdrawal of \$299,802 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve established in 2005 for that purpose and further to authorize the withdrawal of income of \$6,836 from the Volunteer Fire Department Trust Fund and furthermore to authorize the issuance of notes of up to \$83,362 in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the

Select Board to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Article 9: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to \$86,929 for the purpose of conducting a town-wide revaluation and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$86,929 from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. No amount is to be raised by general taxation.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 to replace the septic system of the Sutton Free Library.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the purpose of purchasing a network computer file server and network copy machine and scanner.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$175,000 for repairs to the Grist Mill Bridge/Corporation Hill Road and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$175,000 from the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of improvements to Birch Hill Road.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000 for the purpose of purchasing a grader, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade-in the existing grader to reduce the purchase price and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$250,000 from the Highway Grader Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of repairs to the Old Store Museum.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Welfare Officer from elected to appointed by the Board of Selectmen. If approved, this vote shall be effective as of the next annual town election.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Tax Collector from elected to appointed by the Board of Selectmen. If approved, this vote shall be effective as of the next annual town election.

Article 18: To see if the Town will change the method of compensation for the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector from salaried to hourly, with wage rates to be set by the Board of Selectmen, and to pay benefits on the same basis as benefits are paid to town

employees under the Town's personnel plan. If approved, these changes will be effective April 1, 2014.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to increase line item 1-01-4150-102 from \$3,000 to 6,798; the original wage requested which has been the original deputy town clerk and tax collector wage.

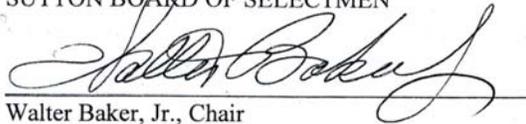
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Not Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen

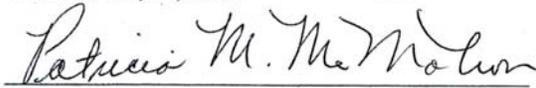
To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

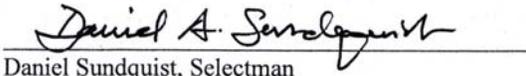
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