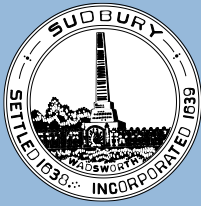


SUDBURY SELECT BOARD  
 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2023  
 7:00 PM, ZOOM

Item #	Time	Action	Item
	7:00 PM		CALL TO ORDER
			Opening remarks by Chair
			Reports from Town Manager
			Reports from Select Board
			Public comments on items not on agenda
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
1.		<i>VOTE</i>	Per Select Board Ballot Question Policy, discussion and vote to designate authors of Pro and Con arguments for the March 27, 2023 Annual Town Election Ballot Questions. If no arguments are received, Town Counsel shall prepare the arguments.
2.			Discussion regarding 2023 Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting logistics, process, calendar, and other topics.

*These agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Some items may be taken out of order or not be taken up at all. The Chair will strive to honor timed items as best as possible, however, the estimated timing may occasionally be inaccurate.*



SUDBURY SELECT BOARD  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

**MISCELLANEOUS (UNTIMED)**

**1: Vote on election ballot question authors**

REQUESTOR SECTION

Date of request:

Requestor: Chair Russo

Formal Title: Per Select Board Ballot Question Policy, discussion and vote to designate authors of Pro and Con arguments for the March 27, 2023 Annual Town Election Ballot Questions. If no arguments are received, Town Counsel shall prepare the arguments.

Recommendations/Suggested Motion/Vote: Per Select Board Ballot Question Policy, discussion and vote to designate authors of Pro and Con Arguments for the March 27, 2023 Annual Town Election Ballot Questions. If no arguments are received, Town Counsel shall prepare the arguments.

Background Information:

Vote to accept 2023 Annual Town Meeting articles submitted by 1/31/23 and to refer all articles to Town Counsel for review and comment as to form. Also vote on order of articles, and designate articles for the consent calendar. Also vote to refer any Zoning Bylaw amendments and street acceptance articles to the Planning Board.

Financial impact expected:

Approximate agenda time requested:

Representative(s) expected to attend meeting:

Review:

Select Board Office	Pending
Town Manager's Office	Pending
Town Counsel	Pending
Select Board	Pending
Select Board	Pending

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**BALLOT QUESTION NO. 1**

*Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$745,460 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget for the Sudbury Public Schools, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?*

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**BALLOT QUESTION NO. 2**

*Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$1,020,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of purchasing and equipping one Fire Engine for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?*

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment1.a: BALLOT QUESTIONS FINAL DRAFT 2-9-23 for SB Meeting (5746 : Vote on election ballot question authors)



February 14, 2023

Dear Sudbury Select Board,

Please find below a Pro Argument for the Sudbury Public Schools Ballot question of March 27, 2023, being submitted jointly by the Sudbury School Committee and Superintendent Brad Crozier. Per your policy, the Select Board “will determine those persons best able to present the arguments for and against each question.” It is our hope that our statement fits this criteria.

Proposed Pro Argument:

The Sudbury Public Schools (SPS) override budget provides an additional \$745,460 of funding and resources to address post-pandemic academic recovery and the critical mental health needs of the students, while maintaining staffing levels and current transportation offerings.

To meet these increased academic and mental health needs, SPS reallocated funding within the budget, increased reliance on reimbursable funds, and exhausted one-time funding sources. In addition, the District absorbed a 25% increase (\$275,000) in transportation costs since FY22 which continues to rise each year at a rate of 5%. Also, SPS is facing a 14% increase in Out-Of-District tuition rates which are set by the State (\$200,000) and approximately \$300,000 in increased utility expenses.

Without the override, SPS will cut more than 7 teachers and increase class-sizes by 3 students in each class. This will impact 28 classrooms, resulting in class-sizes of 23 students in Grades K-1, 24 students in Grade 2, and 27 students in Grades 3-8. Additionally, SPS will need to reduce transportation costs by eliminating service for students in Grades 7-8 and only providing buses to students in K-6, who live 2 or more miles from school. This meets the minimum State requirement for transportation. The override funding will allow SPS to retain teachers and maintain current class-size guidelines and transportation options for all families, while meeting the critical post-pandemic needs of all students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sudbury School Committee  
 Silvia Nersessian, Chair  
 Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair  
 Nicole Burnard, Member  
 Mandy Sim, Member  
 Sarah Troiano, Member

Sudbury Public Schools  
 Brad Crozier, Superintendent

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The requested Engine/Pumper to replace the Fire Department's current Engine 1, a 2005 E-One Engine/Pumper with 126,128 miles. Engine 1 was a front line piece of apparatus, responding from Station #2, from 2006 to 2017 (11 Years) and has served at Station #1 for the past six years.

Currently, design and build times for new apparatus is between 24 and 36 months, Engine 1 will be approaching 20 years old at that time. The typical service life of our apparatus is 10 years front-line service and 10 years secondary service. The Fire Department depends on reliable and well-equipped fire apparatus to provide emergency medical services and fire suppression throughout the Town, and to assist other towns when called upon. These funds will allow the Department to replace the 2005 Engine/Pumper with an updated piece of apparatus with additional safety features that benefit both fire personnel and the citizens of Sudbury.

2/9/23

# 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## BALLOT QUESTION ARGUMENTS AND WARRANT TIMELINE

The below dates pertain to the March 27, 2023 Annual Town Election items where actions by the Select Board are required.

ACTION	POLICY TIMING	2023 DATE	SB MEETING
Notice given that the Select Board is requesting <i>Pro</i> and <i>Con</i> arguments for the 2023 Annual Town Election	46+ Day before Election	2/9/23	2/9/23
<i>Pro</i> and <i>Con</i> argument authors are chosen by the Select Board	39+ Days before Election	2/16/23*	Not yet scheduled (2/15 or 2/16 Meeting needed)
*The final wording for Pro and Con Arguments will be due 2/23/23 (14 days after the Notice that the Select Board is requesting Pro and Con arguments).			
Select Board approves the Warrant	18+ Days before Election	3/9/23	2/28/23**

\*\*Per MGL, an Annual Town Meeting/Election warrant must be posted only 7 days prior to date of the Election. However, due to requirements of our Voter Information Act and the popularity of Vote-By-Mail, it is highly likely that many will have already cast their ballot more than 7 days prior to Election Day, without the benefit of the Warrant. We are therefore recommending approving the Warrant prior to the required deadline, so that it can be disseminated to voters in a timely manner.

2/15/23

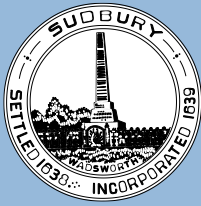
# 2023 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

## BALLOT QUESTION PRO AND CON ARGUMENT AUTHORS

The below authors came forward by 12PM on 2/15/23, as requested in the "[Ballot Question Argument Sought](#)" notice posted on 2/9/23.

QUESTION	PRO AUTHOR(S)	CON AUTHOR(S)
<p><b>Question 1</b></p> <p>Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$745,460 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget for the Sudbury Public Schools, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?</p>	<p><b>SPS and School Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Town Counsel</b></p> <p>(No one came forward requesting to write the Con argument)</p>
<p><b>Question 2</b></p> <p>Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$1,020,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of purchasing and equipping one Fire Engine for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?</p>	<p><b>Sudbury Fire Department</b></p>	<p><b>Town Counsel</b></p> <p>(No one came forward requesting to write the Con argument)</p>

Attachment 1.e: Ballot Question Pro Con Arguments March 2023 ATE (5746 : Vote on election ballot question authors)



SUDBURY SELECT BOARD  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

**MISCELLANEOUS (UNTIMED)**

**2: Discussion on Election and ATM logistics, etc.**

REQUESTOR SECTION

Date of request:

Requestor: Chair Russo

Formal Title: Discussion regarding 2023 Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting logistics, process, calendar, and other topics.

Recommendations/Suggested Motion/Vote:

Background Information:

Financial impact expected:

Approximate agenda time requested:

Representative(s) expected to attend meeting:

Review:

Select Board Office                      Pending

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## 2023 Town Meeting Warrant Schedule

### March 27, 2023 Annual Town Election (ATE) with Ballot Questions

### May 1, 2023 Annual Town Meeting (ATM)

#### February 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		Jan. 31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Jan. 31 submission **deadline** for 2023 ATM articles

Feb 7 SB accepts articles submitted for ATM warrant

Feb 13 Joint SB meeting with FinCom/CIAC to present ATM capital articles

Feb 17 **deadline** to submit ballot question(s) wording to Town Clerk 35 days prior to Election

Feb 20 President's Day, 21-24 school vacation

#### March 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	28	30	31	

March 7 **deadline** to sign and send election warrant to print

March 17 **deadline** to register to vote in Annual Town Election

March 20 posting/delivery **deadline** for ATE warrant

March 20 5PM **deadline** to submit Vote by Mail Ballot application to Town Clerk

**March 27 Annual Town Election**

#### April 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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April 4 **deadline** to sign ATM warrant and send to print

April 21 **deadline** to register to vote at ATM

April 17 Patriots Day, 18-22 school vacation

April 24 ATM Warrant **deadline** received by residents and posted (7 days prior to ATM)

#### May 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

May 1-3, 8 (if needed) Annual Town Meeting at LSRHS

May 29 Memorial Day

**Yellow** = SB meeting; **Red** = holiday or deadline

Attachment2.a: WARRANT SCHEDULE MAY 2023 ATM\_ATE\_final (5747 : Discussion on Election and ATM logistics, etc.)