

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

MONDAY MAY 1, 2023

MEETING PRIOR TO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

CONFERENCE ROOM "A"

(Meeting can be viewed at www.sudburytv.org)

Present: Chair Charles Russo, Vice-Chair Janie Dretler, Select Board Member Daniel Carty, Select Board Member Jennifer Roberts, Select Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian, Town Manager Andrew Sheehan, Town Counsel Lee Smith

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 6:45 PM.

Chair Russo announced the recording of the meeting and other procedural aspects included in the meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Select Board Roll Call: Carty-present, Kouchakdjian-present, Russo-present, Roberts-present, Dretler-present

Town Manager Sheehan addressed Town Meeting Article 15 – Fairbank Community Center A/V Equipment and Associated Funding, detailing that the appropriation was reduced to \$100,000 from \$150,000.

Town Manager Sheehan addressed Town Meeting Petition Article 55 – Control of Firearms Zoning, confirming that an anticipated amendment was not submitted. He noted that Town Counsel had prepared a draft opinion, based on the assumption that such an amendment would have been brought forth. Town Manager Sheehan recommended discussion continue at tomorrow's Select Board meeting. Town Counsel Smith agreed.

Town Counsel Smith confirmed that release of the legal opinion did not dictate any particular position regarding Article 55.

Chair Russo motioned to release the legal opinion for Article 55, as drafted by Town Counsel, subject to finalization by Town Counsel; and to be distributed and released by Town Manager Sheehan to anyone requesting the opinion, by no later than 12 Noon on May 2, 2023. Board Member Carty seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0; Dretler-aye, Roberts-aye, Kouchakdjian-aye, Carty-aye, Russo-aye

VOTED: To release the legal opinion for Article 55, as drafted by Town Counsel, subject to finalization by Town Counsel; and to be distributed and released by Town Manager Sheehan to anyone requesting the opinion, by no later than 12 Noon on May 2, 2023

Vice-Chair Dretler noted that additional information had been received regarding Article 14 – Funding of GO Sudbury! Taxi and Uber Transportation Programs for FY24. She detailed that GO Sudbury! State funding had been earmarked in the amount of \$125,000, and suggested the Board consider that aspect if it were to be brought up at tonight's Town Meeting. Board Member Carty added that such State funding had not been finalized, and

that such potential State funding would be used first, before any related free cash allocations would be considered for FY24.

Chair Russo confirmed that any State funding would have to go through State Senate and be approved by the Governor. He added that if such State funding were approved, the Board might consider program options at that time.

Board Member Carty confirmed that if Town allocation were not used, it would revert back to the Town. He confirmed that the \$150,000 proposed allocation would be sufficient, and reiterated that potential State funding should be used first.

Town Manager Sheehan stated a State grant would likely be determined in early July, and would take some time for such granting to be received by the Town. A portion of Article 14 funding could be used as a bridge until potential State funds were available for the GO Sudbury! program.

Chair Russo stated that the Board would be discussing the Sudbury Police Sergeant's Contract and Article 55 legal opinion at tomorrow night's Select Board meeting at 6:30 PM prior to Annual Town Meeting.

Vote to Recess Meeting

Chair Russo motioned to recess the Select Board meeting and resume at Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 PM. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0; Dretler-aye, Roberts-aye, Kouchakdjian-aye, Carty-aye, Russo-aye

VOTED: To recess the Select Board meeting at 7:01 PM, and resume at Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 PM in the LS Auditorium.