

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD
TUESDAY MAY 7, 2024
6:30 PM, CONFERENCE ROOM "A"
LINCOLN SUDBURY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
390 LINCOLN ROAD, SUDBURY

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

Call to Order

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting convened at 6:31 PM.

Opening Remarks

Member Russo remarked that an outright ban on the sale of firearms in Sudbury had, as of last night's Town Meeting, has now failed to be passed by Town Meeting voters on two occasions. He opined that, while a ban is unlikely to succeed, there is a clear path to enacting firearms protections in Sudbury and it is necessary for the Select Board to work together in order to achieve this goal.

Discussion regarding 2024 Annual Town Meeting

Town Manager Sheehan stated that, as indicated via email earlier, the only update regarding warrant articles which may be taken up during the second night of Town Meeting pertains to *Article 28: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at Goodnow Library*. The total project cost is \$157,728. Eversource provided an incentive estimated at \$126,510.50 and the EVIP grant is estimated at \$26,049.50. The Town will be responsible for the \$5,160 balance, which can be paid through the Solar Revolving Fund. As a result, Town Meeting does not need to appropriate funds for the project.

Member Carty indicated that this is a reversal from what was previously communicated to the Board. Town Counsel had previously opined that the funds needed to come from Free Cash, which requires Town Meeting authorization, but Counsel now advises that the funding may come from a Revolving Fund.

Town Manager Sheehan responded that, as this project will be paid for by incentives and grants, Town Meeting appropriation is no longer necessary.

The Board determined that it would be helpful to have Facilities Director Sandra Duran explain the current status of the project as well as the funding sources and to make a statement regarding the Board's position to not support the article. Members then deliberated on the wording of the statement that would be made. It was decided that a succinct statement indicating that the Board supports the project but does not support the article as it is not needed in order to fund the project, would be sufficient.

With the discussion concluded, Chair Dretler requested a motion to move to Executive Session.

Vice-Chair Kouchakdjian made the motion at 6:45PM. Member Carty seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: to move to Executive Session.

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1. Discussion regarding 2024 Annual Town Meeting: consent calendar, positions on articles; other

Attachments:

1.a 2024 ATM_Articles_for website