

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY JULY 30, 2024

7:00 PM

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

ZOOM Meeting

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been compiled with, the meeting was convened at 7:01 PM, via Zoom telecommunication mode.

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

Call to Order

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

Opening remarks by Chair Roberts

- Compensation for Public Safety employees is a priority; Town now in active negotiations
- Completion of Select Board Newsletter; recognized articles especially Board Member Dretler's interview with the new Financial Director

Reports from Town Manager

- Legislation completed the State Budget with some increases in the local aid account which helps contribute to Town funds/adding to the May Town Budget
- Holbrook and Town Public Safety agreement has been completed; \$6 million grant to the Town (for related equipment, technology, infrastructure)

Vice-Chair Carty

- Read a statement from School Committee Chair Burnard regarding aspects of interest in a July 24th memo, regarding possible Fall Town Meeting and her related guidance from him and other unsupported comments made

Board Member Russo

- Mentioned the unfavorable state of the Select Board in 2015 and cautioned that the present Board not take that approach to matters, which involved poor board member relationships and extreme partisanship

Board Member Kouchakdjian

- Hoped all were having a great summer

Board Member Dretler

- Progress made at the BFRT; noted that road crossings were not complete

Public Comments

Resident Len Simon, 40 Meadowbrook Circle, criticized the Select Board (specifically Select Board Member Roberts, Russo and Carty) for refusing to reappoint Mr. John Gossels to the Sudbury ZBA and presenting ZBA accusations/errors. Mr. Simon exceeded his allotted speaking time despite being asked to cease speaking several times. He repeatedly interrupted and spoke over Chairwoman Roberts.

Resident Brett Herr, 66 Belcher Drive, stated he was part of the group advocating for additional funding for after-school care, adding there were additional needs that SED could not fulfill.

Resident and SED Executive Director, Mari Weldon, 15 Harness Lane, thanked Board Members who recently met with her. She recognized the limitations regarding an immediate child care solution; she addressed community investments and hoped that SED could continue providing such assistance.

Consent Calendar

- 1. Move to sign the determination that pursuant to Rule 1.7 of the Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct, that the Town of Sudbury consents to KP Law P.C representing the Towns of Wayland, Lincoln, and Weston with regard to the shared regional substance abuse prevention coordinator position, as disclosed in a letter dated July 24, 2024, notwithstanding that KP Law P.C. also serves as Town Counsel for the Town of Sudbury.**
- 2. Move to accept a grant from the Sudbury Foundation in the amount of \$15,641.80 solicited by the Park and Recreation Commission for the purpose of purchasing materials to protect the Fairbank Community Center gymnasium flooring during non-athletic events; and further to approve execution of contracts by the Town Manager solicited for such purpose relative thereto.**
- 3. Vote to sign the State Primary Election Warrant for 9/3/24 which must be posted by 8/23/24.**
- 4. Vote to appoint Election Officers for a one-year term, commencing August 15, 2023 and ending August 14, 2024, as recommended by the Democratic and Republican Town Committee Chairs and the Town Clerk.**
- 5. As the Licensing Authority for the Town of Sudbury, vote to approve a new Sunday Entertainment License for Bullfinchs, 730 Boston Post Road, as requested in an application dated July 18, 2024, subject to conditions put forth by the Building, Fire, Health and Police Departments.**
- 6. Vote to grant a special permit to Myke Farricker, Committee Co-Chair, to hold a “Ride to Defeat ALS” bike ride on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. through approximately 3:00 p.m., subject to Police Department safety requirements, proof of insurance coverage and the assurance that any litter will be removed at the race’s conclusion.**

Vice-Chair Carty motioned to approve Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6, as presented in this evening's Select Board packet. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6, as presented in this evening's Select Board packet.

Vice-Chair Carty motioned to approve Consent Calendar item 4, as presented in this evening's Select Board packet. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

It was on motion 4-0-1; Carty-abstain, Kouchakdjian-aye, Russo-aye, Dretler-aye, Roberts-aye

VOTED: To approve Consent Calendar item 4

Public Hearing

Pursuant to General Bylaws, Chapter 68, Section 3, vote to hold a Public Hearing at the Select Board of meeting on July 30, 2024, 7:15 PM, for the purpose of determining whether a Fall Town Meeting should occur, and to publicize the same. Possible vote to hold a Fall Town Meeting at a date and time to be determined at a later date.

Vice-Chair Carty motioned to open the public hearing. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To open the public hearing to hold a Fall Town Meeting at a date and time to be determined at a later date.

Town Manager Sheehan confirmed the request for Fall Town Meeting was presented to all department heads and positive responses were not received. He added that such request was also included on the Town website.

Board Member Kouchakdjian recommended that going forward in the interest of transparency both school committees should discuss whether or not they require a fall Town Meeting during open public meeting.

Vice-Chair Carty motioned to hold a Fall Town Meeting at a date and time to be determined at a later date. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

It was on motion 0-5; Carty-no, Kouchakdjian-no, Russo-no, Dretler-no, Roberts-no

Motion failed.

Vote to close Public Hearing

Vice-Chair Carty motioned to close the Public Hearing. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing

Miscellaneous

Update on ARPA spending

Town Manager Sheehan provided update regarding ARPA funds; he noted that funds must be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by 2026.

Chair Roberts recommended that the ARPA topic be included on each Select Board meeting agenda until the end of the year. Board Members concurred.

Discussion and vote to request ARPA funds for Dept of Public Works office building renovation

Present: Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran

Ms. Duran referenced her recent memo to Town Manager Sheehan requesting the use of \$111,350 in ARPA funds to supplement Town Manager Capital Budget of \$125,000 for the added office space at the DPW office building. She explained the office space requirements for the Board of Health, the Conservation Department and the Facilities Department.

Vice-Chair Carty motioned to approve the \$111,350 of ARPA funds for Dept. of Public Works office building renovation. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve the \$111,350 of ARPA funds for Dept. of Public Works building office renovation

Discussion of Town Manager's memorandum on after school care, consisting of conversations to date, initial conclusions, and constraints and challenges

Town Manager Sheehan reviewed the related memorandum regarding after school care. He stated that SED (Sudbury Extended Day) continues to work with the schools to improve child care, and the relationship between SED and the schools reflects a multi-generational relationship. Town Manager Sheehan noted that the waitlist had decreased by nearly half last year.

Town Manager Sheehan commented about challenges associated with securing/retaining child care employees, adding the other after-school child care businesses in Town were accepting more children. He stressed the challenges associated with transportation and lack of funding at the present time.

Board Member Dretler mentioned that the School Committee should assume the lead for after school care programming.

Board Member Kouchakdjian stated that child care programming has been a long-standing issue for Sudbury and recommended that a Town Manager working group be established in consideration that SPS does not have purview over the Fairbank Center.

Board Member Kouchakdjian motioned that the Select Board authorize Town Manager Sheehan to establish an after-school care working group. Board Member Dretler seconded the motion.

It was on motion 3-2; Dretler-aye, Russo-no, Carty-no, Kouchakdjian-aye, Roberts-no

The motion failed.

Chair Roberts stated that the topic would be discussed later.

Public disclosure of memoranda of agreement to collective bargaining agreements reached with the Sudbury Supervisory Association and Laborers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO (DPW Union); terms of both are available on the Town's website, under the Documents section of the Human Resources Department

Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that the Select Board had voted to approve both collective bargaining agreements and that record of that voting had been on the Town website for the past two weeks.

Review and possibly approve the minutes of 6/11/24

Vice-Chair Carty motion to approve the Select Board minutes of 6/11/24, as edited. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve the Select Board minutes of 6/11/24, as edited

Upcoming agenda items

- ARPA fund discussions be included as part of all meetings going forward
- Code of Conduct Policy discussion be included at an upcoming meeting
- After school child care program to be continued at upcoming meeting/s
- Remote meeting policy be included on future meeting
- Tercentenary markers be included in upcoming agenda

Chair Roberts reiterated that the ARPA topic would be included in all remaining calendar 2024 meetings.

Adjourn

Board Member Kouchakdjian motioned to adjourn the Select Board Meeting. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the Select Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9:46 PM.

Documents & Exhibits

1. Move to sign the determination that pursuant to Rule 1.7 of the Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct, that the Town of Sudbury consents to KP Law P.C representing the Towns of Wayland, Lincoln, and Weston with regard to the shared regional substance abuse prevention coordinator position, as disclosed in a letter dated July 24, 2024, notwithstanding that KP Law P.C. also serves as Town Counsel for the Town of Sudbury.

Attachments:

1.a Shared Regional Substance Abuse Coordinator Position - KP Law Disclosure Sudbury

3. Vote to sign the State Primary Election Warrant for 9/3/24 which must be posted by 8/23/24.

Attachments:

3.a State Primary Warrant 2024

4. Vote to appoint Election Officers for a one-year term, commencing August 15, 2023 and ending August 14, 2024, as recommended by the Democratic and Republican Town Committee Chairs and the Town Clerk.

Attachments:

4.a EW D-U

4.b EW R-U

5. As the Licensing Authority for the Town of Sudbury, vote to approve a new Sunday Entertainment License for Bullfinchs, 730 Boston Post Road, as requested in an application dated July 18, 2024, subject to conditions put forth by the Building, Fire, Health and Police Departments.

Attachments:

5.a Bullfinchs Sunday Entertainment Staff Feedback

5.b Bullfinchs Sunday Ent Application

6. Vote to grant a special permit to Myke Farricker, Committee Co-Chair, to hold a "Ride to Defeat ALS" bike ride on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. through approximately 3:00 p.m., subject to Police Department safety requirements, proof of insurance coverage and the assurance that any litter will be removed at the race's conclusion.

Attachments:

6.a Ride for ALS Approvals 2024

6.b Ride to Defeat ALS 2024 Application

7. Pursuant to General Bylaws, Chapter 68, Section 3, vote to hold a Public Hearing at the Select Board of meeting on July 30, 2024, 7:15 PM, for the purpose of determining whether a Fall Town Meeting should occur, and to publicize the same. Possible vote to hold a Fall Town Meeting at a date and time to be determined at a later date.

Attachments:

7.a PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE_Fall_Town_Mtg_2024

9. Update on ARPA spending

Attachments:

9.a ARPA Status 7-25-24

10. Discussion and vote to request ARPA funds for Dept of Public Works office renovation

Attachments:

10.a Letter to Town Manager requesting ARPA Funds for DPW Office Renovation 7.26

11. Discussion of Town Manager's memorandum on after school care, consisting of conversations to date, initial conclusions, and constraints and challenges

Attachments:

11.a After School memo 2024-07-30 final

13. Review and possibly approve the minutes of 6/11//24.

Attachments:

13.a SB_draft_min_for_review_6.11.24

14. Upcoming agenda items

Attachments:

14.a Upcoming agenda.items 7.30.24