

IN SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY MAY 5, 2025

6:45 PM

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

Pre-Town Meeting at LSRHS – Conference Room A

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

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

Call to Order

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM, requesting Select Board Roll Call: Russo-present, Kouchakdjian-present, Dretler-present, Carty-present, Roberts-present.

Consent Calendar

Vote to enter into the Town record and congratulate Katelyn Stagno of Scout Troop 65 for having achieved the high honor of Eagle Scout

Vice-Chair Carty motioned to enter into the Town record and congratulate Katelyn Stagno of Scout Troop 65 for having achieved the high honor of Eagle Scout. Select Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To enter into the Town record and congratulate Katelyn Stagno of Scout Troop 65 for having achieved the high honor of Eagle Scout

Miscellaneous

Update on Select Board Rail Trail Advocacy letters for Mass DOT

Board Member Dretler provided update regarding the Select Board Rail Trail Advocacy letters, which she drafted; one for the 25% Public Design Hearing, one for the MassDOT TIP project (for both trail sections in Sudbury and Framingham). She commented about a third letter for future discussion regarding the Sudbury-Wayland project.

Board Member Dretler suggested that any Board Member/staff edits be submitted to the Select Board Office for consideration at a Select Board meeting.

Article 34 – Atkinson Pool Renovation: Additional Funds

Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that the article requested \$959,000 for Atkinson Pool renovations, and expressed his confidence with the new amount which included contingency funding.

Mr. Garofalo provided detail regarding the related debt schedule.

Vice-Chair Carty motioned to support Article 34 – Atkinson Pool Renovation: Additional Funds. Select Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To support Article 34 – Atkinson Pool Renovation: Additional Funds

Articles 40 & 41 – Haynes Elementary School and Nixon Elementary School Roof Replacement and Repair

Chair Roberts mentioned the SPS School Committee agreed that Articles 40 & 41 needed to be Indefinitely Postponed; SPS would be making that motion at Town Meeting.

Article 46 – Sudbury Housing Authority Allocation

Vice-Chair Carty explained that CPC voted unanimously to Indefinitely Postpone Article 46. Board Members agreed that the Select Board would make that motion at Town Meeting.

Proposed Amendment to Article 3: FY26 Budget

Chair Roberts acknowledged that a proposed amendment was brought forth regarding Article 3.

Town Manager Sheehan detailed that the amendment requested a reduction in the Reserve Fund by some \$200,000 (from \$300,000 to \$100,000) and secondly, to increase the vocational education line item by \$200,000. Board Member Kouchakdjian stated that she was pleased to see community involvement regarding vocational education, but was not in favor of the suggested amendment.

Board Members agreed that this was not the correct approach. Chair Roberts read a related statement which she drafted: “For several years the Select Board has been seeking membership at a vocational education school, with advocacy and outreach to schools. The Select Board made this goal a high priority for multiple years; however, the Select Board does not believe that this article amendment would make a difference and would add detriment to the Town, overall.”

Board Member Dretler motioned to oppose the amendment to Article 3, and to authorize the Chair to make a statement, as read and edited. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To oppose the amendment to Article 3, and to authorize the Chair to make a statement, as read and edited

Recess the meeting of the Sudbury Select Board Pre-Town Meeting

Vice-Chair Carty motioned to recess the Sudbury pre-Town Meeting Select Board meeting and to resume the Sudbury Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 PM. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To recess the Sudbury pre-Town Meeting Select Board meeting and to resume the Sudbury Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 PM