

IN SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 2026

6:30 PM – PRE-SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

LSRHS - GYM

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

Present: Chair Janie Dretler, Vice-Chair Radha Gargeya, Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian, Select Board Member Dan Carty, Select Board Member Charles Russo, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director Victor Garofalo, Town Manager Andrew Sheehan

Chair Dretler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Chair Dretler stated that in her opinion, Articles 3 and 4 had not been fully vetted and “a whole/holistic” review was necessary.

Town Manager Sheehan stated that the Open Meeting Law did not apply to Town Meeting and Caucus can be taken at Town Meeting and the Town Moderator confirmed that she could take such time, whether in seconds or minutes, or no decision.

Board Member Carty stated we could not take positions on amendments unless we caucused on the floor . Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian noted that caucus could be taken and not necessarily take a position.

Board Member Carty confirmed he had spoken to the Town Moderator about the topic of minority opinion and she would only allow a related one or two minutes on this aspect. He expressed concern about the limited time allotment and felt that 5 minutes would be more reasonable for such comments. He suggested getting a message to the Town Moderator that she be very clear about what is to happen as there will likely be an amendment at Town Meeting this evening.

Chair Dretler presented draft statements for Article 3 and Article 4. At this time Board Members took time to review the draft statements.

Board Member Russo stated that the public might require further explanation around Open Meeting Law complaints and suggested adding a friendly amendment and that the Select Board should make that point.

Chair Dretler suggested asking Town Counsel for additional guidance on Member Russo’s statement. Town Manager Sheehan stated that the statement suggested by Board Member Russo could be made separately and directed to Town Counsel. Town Manager said he could contact Town Counsel Lee Smith.

Board Member Russo motioned to support the Draft Statements for Article 3 and Article 4 as shared with the Select Board and read at Town Meeting. Board Member Carty seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To support the Draft Statements for Article 3 and Article 4 as shared with the Select Board and read at Town Meeting.

Adjourn

At 6:49 PM Chair Dretler motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting. Board Member Carty seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To adjourn Select Board Meeting and resume at Town Meeting.