

IN SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2026

7:00 PM

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

ZOOM Meeting

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dretler called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Roll Call: Gargeya-present, Kouchakdjian-present, Carty-present, Russo-present, Dretler-present

Vice-Chair Gargeya motioned that the Select Board would enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a), exemption 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body relative to the Sudbury Housing Trust's consideration of the purchase of a property. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a), exemption 6, to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body relative to the Sudbury Housing Trust's consideration of the purchase of a property

Select Board Open Session resumed at 7:43 PM. Chair Dretler conducted Roll Call; Carty-present, Kouchakdjian-present, Gargeya-present, Russo-present, Dretler-present

Opening Remarks by Chair Dretler

- Acknowledged the graduation of her oldest child from LSRHS this weekend, adding that the youngest child of Board Member Carty was graduating from LSRHS as well
- Congratulated graduates from the Curtis Middle School, including her own child
- Announced the Locally Grown Farmers Market and Fair to be held indoors at the Fairbank Community Center on June 6th, 10:00 AM to 2 PM.
- Congratulated Town Staff and DPW Staff for securing almost \$1 million dollars in grant funding for three different projects in Town

- Announced the Springtime at Sewataro event to be held June 7th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- Sudbury Pride Day event to be held on June 14; June is Pride month
- Announced the Sudbury Housing Roundtable will be held at the Goodnow Library on June 9th at 7:00 PM
- Announced the next Select Board Meeting will be held on June 16, 2026

Reports from Town Manager Sheehan

- Thanked all who turned out for Special Town Meeting (over 900 people) and thanked Town Staff for their efforts
- Announced that the Atkinson Pool reopened yesterday after the installation of the roof top dehumidification system
- Announced the first meeting of the Budget Working Group is scheduled for June 18th at 6:00 PM via hybrid mode

Reports from Select Board

Vice Chair Gargeya

- Acknowledged that the last scheduled 250th Anniversary presentation was held on May 31, 2026, and included a lecture by Daniel Mandell regarding Native Communities and the American Revolution at the Fairbanks Community Center
- Recognized that the 250th float will be included in the July 4th Parade; He invited the Board Members and Staff to march along as well.

Board Member Kouchakdjian

- Recognized DPW for grants received regarding several Town projects
- Confirmed that she and Town Manager Sheehan will be meeting with the Minuteman Technical School Superintendent and will report back to the Board at the next Board Meeting.
- Meeting with LSRHS Agreement Subcommittee on June 29th; discussion of outstanding times and voting on minutes will take place

Board Member Carty

- Recognized the graduating class at LSRHS
- Congratulated LS Boys Lacross Coach Brian Vona who celebrated his 400th career victory and the LS team locked up the first seed in the upcoming Division 1 Lacrosse Tournament which includes some private schools
- He thanked all who participated in the May Special Town Meeting.

Board Member Russo

- Mentioned the wearing of Hawaiian shirts on the last day of school at LSRHS is great to see
- Thanked organizers and participants of the Sudbury Bike Rodeo this past weekend; local and State-wide bike advocates provided training to 5th grade Sudbury students primarily, the event

spearheaded by Sudbury Police Lt. Perodeau with other Police Officers and Pete Sutton from Mass DOT who helped advance the BFRT TIP status to Phase 3.

- Sudbury Police Officers will be patrolling the Bike Trail will be offering tokens for free Italian ice this weekend – great Police dedication to the community
- Mentioned record season for ticks and suggested all practice tick safety precautions

Public Comment

Resident Manish Sharma, 7 Colonial Drive thanked former Noyes School Principal Leonard Doyle, Curtis School Principal Jeff Neva, LS Principal Tracey Ryan, SPS school personnel, Sudbury Police and Fire Chiefs and DPW and Town Nursing Staff who provide help and guidance to SPS students. He also thanked all members of all Town Boards and Committees who also helped in guiding Sudbury students.

Consent Calendar 1-4

1. Vote to enter into the Town record and congratulate the following members of Sudbury Massachusetts Service Unit 461 for having achieved the honor of a Gold Award: Maria Huang, Alexia Hultin, Katelyn Stagno, Christina Quin.

2. Vote to enter into the Town record and congratulate the following members of Sudbury Massachusetts Troop 61 of the Mayflower Council for having achieved the high honor of Eagle Scout: Ryan Barrett, T. Ray Corley, Maddox Grace, Daniel LaFond, Henry Willey, Theodore Bowne.

3. Vote to grant a one-day Wine & Malt license to Sudbury Point Grill, to accommodate a Car Show on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Sudbury Point Grill, 120 Boston Post Road, subject to the use of a TIPS-trained bartender and a receipt of Certificate of Liability insurance.

4. Vote to approve an entertainment license to Wayside Inn Beer Garden, 73 Wayside Inn Road for the purpose of conducting live entertainment within their posted operating hours on Fridays between 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM and Saturdays between 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Board Member Carty asked if he could attend the second scouting event as mentioned in Consent Calendar item #2, as Board Member Kouchakdjian will be attending the Scouting event detailed in Consent Calendar item #1. Chair Dretler stated that it was great to have as many Select Board Members in attendance at such events.

Vice-Chair Gargeya motioned to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 1-4) as presented in the Select Board packet. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve the Consent Calendar (Items 1-4) as presented in the Select Board packet

C. Miscellaneous

1. Special Town Meeting follow-up and discussion

Town Manager Sheehan noted the Special Town Meeting held in May was very different when compared to other Town Meetings; all presented articles were Citizen's Petition Articles:

Article 1 – Citizen's Petition: Vote to Support House Bill 3464 - Passed

Article 2 – Citizen's Petition: Resolution Regarding the Audit of the Massachusetts Legislature - Passed

Article 3 – Citizen's Petition: An Act Providing for Recall Elections in the Town of Sudbury – Passed

Article 4 – Citizen's Petition: Vote of No Confidence - Passed

Board Members discussed three letters regarding the Articles from the Special Town Meeting and considered voting to release a legal guidance memo from Town Counsel regarding recall procedure.

Board Member Gargeya recommended to provide context to the statement about the 1-4 vote in opposition and the related Select Board Statement of position at the May 5th meeting and approved on May 20th be Included.

Board Member Russo motioned to release the Memo from KP Law to Town Manager Sheehan, dated 5/31/26 regarding guidance/next steps regarding Article 3 – Recall Elections in the Town of Sudbury. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To release the Memo from KP Law to Town Manager Sheehan, dated 5/31/26 regarding guidance/next steps regarding Article 3 – Recall Elections in the Town of Sudbury

Vice-Chair Gargeya motioned that Article Letters 1, 2 and 3 for prospective Special Town Meeting Articles be forwarded to Senator Eldridge and Representative Gentile, with changes to Article 3, adding a sentence that includes Select Board Statements as an enclosure. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: That Article Letters 1, 2 and 3 for prospective Special Town Meeting Articles be forwarded to Senator Eldridge and Representative Gentile, with changes to Article 3, adding a sentence that includes Select Board Statements as an enclosure.

Chair Dretler stated that she would review the final draft and sign it.

Board Members discussed challenges presented at the Special Town Meeting including late start, length of meeting, technical issues including problems with the vote clicker. Board Member Russo suggested that such Town Meetings have timeline modifications so that the meetings can be held in customary locations at LSRHS. Board Member Carty agreed that such modifications would reflect in an improved Town Meeting, and would require a Bylaw modification, which would have to be brought forward.

Town Manager Sheehan stated that a clicker manufacturing representative could be present at future Town Meetings to help with such management.

Vice-Chair Gargeya opined about conducting an informational session before Town Meeting and if possible, have the Select Board Statement/s available ahead of time. Board Member Carty stated that such implementations would require Town Counsel opinion. Vice-Chair Gargeya agreed.

Chair Dretler commented that there were a significant number of new voters at the Special Town Meeting and suggested that providing additional information guides before Town Meeting might be beneficial.

2. 2026-2027 Board and Committee Liaison discussion

Select Board members reviewed Board Member liaison assignments.

Vice-Chair Gargeya motioned to accept the 2026-2027 Board and Committee liaison appointments. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To accept the 2026-2027 Board and Committee liaison appointments

3. 2026-2027 Board and Committee Reappointments

Vice-Chair Gargeya stated that he would send notification to DEI (Diversity, Equality Inclusion) Commission members to determine renewals/reappointments. Town Manager Sheehan noted that a DEI appointment list would follow.

Board Member Carty inquired about member term limits on the Sudbury Housing Trust; he asked for follow up as he could not find where term limits were documented.

Vice-Chair Gargeya motioned that all Board/Committee Reappointment responses as received and included in the Select Board packet be approved for the 2026-2027 term. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: That all Board/Committee Reappointment responses as received and included in the Select Board packet be approved for the 2026-2027 term

4. Discuss and vote on a letter of support for a grant from the Massachusetts Office on Disability for work on path around Haskell Field.

Present: Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran

Town Manager Sheehan referenced the associated cover letter from Sandra Duran regarding this application. He detailed receipt of a related grant for ADA improvements at the site, indicating that additional funding from FY25 could be included. Town Manager Sheehan stated that this presents great funding opportunity with the MOD (Massachusetts Office of Disability) who continues with their support of the project.

Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran referenced aspects from the "Town of Sudbury – Haskell Field and Fairbank Community Center – Landscape Master Plan Design," dated April 30, 2026.

Board Member Kouchakdjian supported the project and thanked Ms. Duran for her tireless work on this project; she added that the completion of the path around Haskell Field would be transformative and would be a great benefit to the Town.

Board Member Carty mentioned a related, possible deed restriction received on May 12, 2026. Town Manager Sheehan responded that Town Counsel is working on that aspect, which is located north of Haskell Field.

Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that the project had not gone out to bid yet and there is no design in place. Ms. Duran provided detail regarding cost aspects and related quotes, she added that a community workshop took place in April and another workshop will likely take place later in June. She confirmed that the proposed pavilion at the Fairbank Community Center was included in the application. She stated that currently there is a concept plan in place, not a full design plan, and MOD would have the grant in the Fall which would allow plenty of time for her to compile designs.

Vice-Chair Gargeya motioned to authorize Chair Dretler to sign a Select Board letter of support for a grant from the MOD to install an accessible circuit path to and around the athletic fields at Haskell Field, to install an accessible pavilion at the Fairbank Community Center grounds and to install accessible pathways to a future multi-sport court as proposed by Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To authorize Chair Dretler to sign a Select Board letter of support for a grant from the MOD to install an accessible circuit path to and around the athletic fields at Haskell Field, to install an accessible pavilion at the Fairbank Community Center grounds and to install accessible pathways to a future multi-sport court as proposed by Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran

5. Discussion of solar panel signs

Chair Dretler stated that this agenda item had been discussed in detail at the May 5th Select Board Meeting was included on tonight's agenda per the request from Board Member Carty.

Town Manager Sheehan stated that previous LSRHS Superintendent Bella Wong had overseen override signage posted on Town property; he felt that this action was not reflective of a campaign violation, possibly a conflict-of-interest situation regarding use of revolving funds. Chair Dretler was in agreement.

Board Member Carty asked what measures would be taken to ensure that such actions do not take place in the future. Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that the matter was discussed at length at the Select Board meeting on May 5, 2026, and Town Counsel was present at that meeting and followed up with a related email to the Board indicating that actions perhaps reflected a conflict of interest and felt that this reflected an error in judgement with no intent to misuse public funds. Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that official training has been provided.

6. Discussion of email communications

Chair Dretler stated that to address Board Member Carty's request that this item be included on tonight's agenda, any communication not marked "confidential" can be shared with the public. Town Manager

Sheehan agreed, stating that if such communication is not marked “Confidential,” it can be shared to promote transparency.

Board Member Russo stated that transparency is good and the Board heard about related information from Town Manager Sheehan first, which is the way it should be.

7. Discussion of Select Board calendar items

Board Member Carty explained that he put together a list of policy items in regard to timelines. He suggested tabling the topic to a future meeting.

Board Members were in agreement.

8. Discussion regarding possible revisions to the Liberty Ledge/Sewataro Advisory Committee mission statement

Board Member Russo commented that the Liberty Ledge/Sewataro Committee mission statement should be revised to include consideration regarding previous Town Meeting and opinion expressed by Town Manager at the December 16, 2025 Select Board Meeting.

Chair Dretler stated that the Town Meeting vote was definitive about not hiring a consultant in the amount of \$20,000.

Vice-Chair Gargeya stated that community input is consistently included at the Advisory Committee meetings.

Board Member Kouchakdjian stressed that due diligence must take place before more actions are taken.

9. Review and Approve Minutes: March 31, 2026 April 14, 2026 April 28, 2026

March 31, 2026

Members agreed to continue discussion.

April 14, 2026

Vice-Chair Gargeya motioned to approve the Select Board Minutes of April 14, 2026, as edited. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve the Select Board Minutes of April 14, 2026, as edited

April 28, 2026

Vice-Chair Gargeya motioned to approve the Select Board Minutes of April 28, 2026, as edited. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To approve the Select Board Minutes of April 28, 2026, as edited

10. Upcoming Items

- Goal Setting
- Town Manager Evaluation
- KP Law to present Charter Review aspects
- ARPA Update
- Fairbank Lookback
- Change aspects of Town Meeting
- Profession Development/potential retreat and topics to be discussed

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Gargeya motioned to adjourn the Select Board meeting. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the Select Board meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.