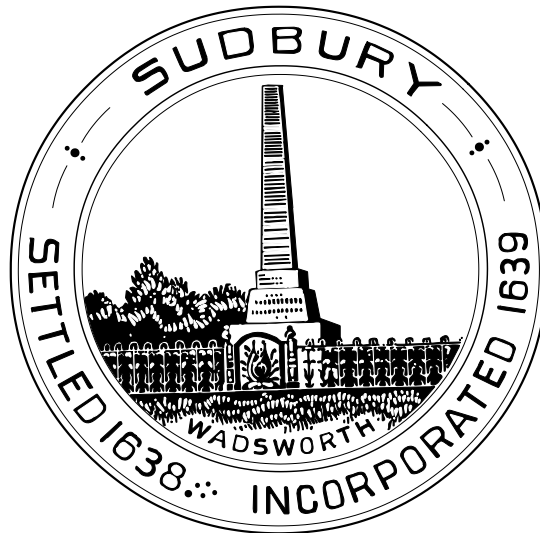


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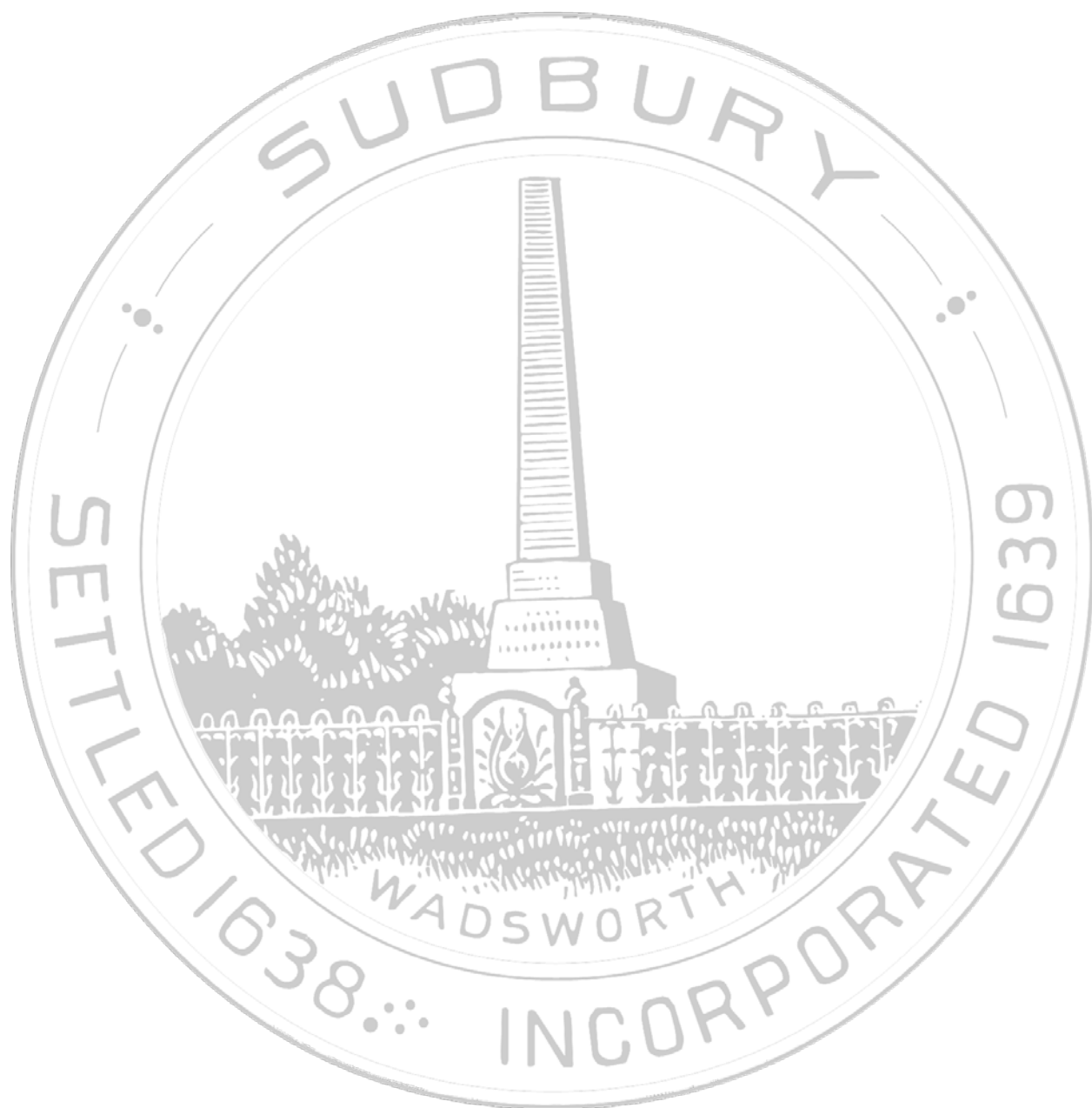


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TOWN OF SUDBURY 2025 ANNUAL TOWN AND SPECIAL TOWN PROCEEDINGS
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The Town Election was held at Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road, which is the location for all 6 precincts. The polls were open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. There were 2411 votes cast, representing 17% of the town's 14,214 registered voters. The final tabulation was done at the Town Hall.

SELECT BOARD (2) FOR THREE YEARS

Candidate Name	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
LISA V. KOUCHAKDJIAN 30 MEADOWBROOK CIR (CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION)	296	366	199	266	254	226	1607
RADHA RAMAN GARGEYA 120 POWDER MILL RD	340	361	201	280	253	244	1679
KEVIN J. MATTHEWS 137 HAYNES RD	208	175	103	163	152	107	908
WRITE-INS	1	2	0	0	2	1	6
BLANKS	161	114	65	93	121	68	622
Totals for Office	1006	1018	568	802	782	646	4822

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (1) FOR THREE YEARS

Candidate Name	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
TREVOR A. HAYDON 85 GOODMAN'S HILL RD (CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION)	344	357	208	301	252	232	1694
WRITE-INS	1	1	0	1	1	1	5
BLANKS	158	151	76	99	138	90	712
Totals for Office	503	509	284	401	391	323	2411

GOODNOW LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2) FOR THREE YEARS

Candidate Name	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
KATINA E. FONTES 19 DOROTHY RD (CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION)	332	340	198	287	245	227	1629
JILL K. CASERIA 524 CONCORD RD	322	330	184	277	231	225	1569
WRITE-INS	0	1	1	1	2	2	7
BLANKS	352	347	185	237	304	192	1617
Totals for Office	1006	1018	568	802	782	646	4822

BOARD OF HEALTH (1) FOR THREE YEARS

Candidate Name	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
CAROL JEAN BRADFORD 25 MAPLE AVE (CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION)	366	385	228	307	292	245	1823
WRITE-INS	1	2	0	1	0	1	5
BLANKS	136	122	56	93	99	77	583
Totals for Office	503	509	284	401	391	323	2411

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSIONER (2) FOR THREE YEARS

Candidate Name	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
WILLIAM GRANGER ATKESON 53 FIRECUT LN (CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION)	334	338	182	268	244	221	1587
MARA LYNNE HUSTON 578 PEAKHAM RD (CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION)	319	357	205	278	241	218	1618
WRITE-INS	1	7	1	0	2	2	13
BLANKS	352	316	180	256	295	205	1604
Totals for Office	1006	1018	568	802	782	646	4822

PLANNING BOARD (2) FOR THREE YEARS

Candidate Name	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
ANURAJ SHAH 257 CONCORD RD (CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION)	320	328	189	255	230	211	1533
KIRSTEN D. ROOPENIAN 45 HARNESS LN	321	341	194	270	235	220	1581
WRITE-INS	2	4	1	0	0	3	10
BLANKS	363	345	184	277	317	212	1698
Totals for Office	1006	1018	568	802	782	646	4822

SUDBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1) FOR THREE YEARS

Candidate Name	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
JESSICA A. MCCREADY 127 MORSE RD	355	356	204	300	256	231	1702
WRITE-INS	7	2	0	0	3	0	12
BLANKS	141	151	80	101	132	92	697
Totals for Office	503	509	284	401	391	323	2411

SUDBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1) FOR TWO YEARS

Candidate Name	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
ELIZABETH SUES 90 RUDDOCK RD	226	287	174	185	216	171	1259
ALLISON S. VANDERELS 96 MOSSMAN RD	232	151	80	156	111	122	852
OTHER	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
WRITE-INS	1	1	0	1	3	0	6
BLANKS	44	70	30	59	56	30	289
Totals for Office	503	509	284	401	391	323	2411

LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2) FOR THREE YEARS

Candidate Name	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
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CHARLES I. MORTON IV 35 JULIAN'S WAY	305	296	188	230	222	202	1443
ERIC D. POCH 28 RUDDOCK RD	201	191	87	138	115	109	841
JOHN J. RYAN, JR 155 FORD RD	305	323	191	253	261	205	1538
WRITE-INS	2	2	0	0	3	1	8
BLANKS	193	206	102	181	181	129	992
Totals for Office	1006	1018	568	802	782	646	4822

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Town Elections - Special - December 16, 2025

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The Special Town Election was held at Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road, which is the location for all 6 precincts. The polls were open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. There were 896 votes cast, representing 6.2% of the town's 14,467 registered voters. The final tabulation was done at the Fairbank Community Center.

BALLOT QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of the replacement and repair of the Josiah Haynes Elementary School roof system located at 169 Haynes Road, Sudbury, MA 01776, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

Ballot Question 1, Results	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Totals
Yes	121	136	82	102	102	89	632
No	41	53	44	46	45	35	264
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	162	189	126	148	147	124	896

BALLOT QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of the replacement and repair of the General John Nixon Elementary Roof system located at 472 Concord Road, Sudbury, MA 01776, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

Ballot Question 2, Results	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Totals
Yes	118	139	82	103	102	91	635
No	44	50	44	45	45	33	261
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	162	189	126	148	147	124	896

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SUDBURY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 5, 2025

Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Select Board and a quorum being present, Catharine Blake, Moderator, at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Ms. Blake introduced Ainsley Sullivan a student from Lincoln -Sudbury Regional High School, who led in the singing of the National Anthem.

The Moderator confirmed she had examined and found in order the Call of the Meeting and the Officer's Return of Service and confirmed the timely delivery of the Warrant to residents. She announced that the certified Free Cash, according to Town Accountant Robin Parcella, is \$7,271,136 for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Upon a *motion*, which received a second, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED** to dispense with the Reading of the Call of the Meeting, and the Officer's Return of Service Notice and the reading of the individual Articles of the Warrant. The Moderator explained that voting at Town Meeting would be conducted by electronic voting and explained how it works.

MODERATORS

The Moderator asked for a motion, which was made and received a second, for the Hall's approval to appoint Sudbury resident Nell Forgacs Assistant Town Moderator for the May 2025 Annual Town Meeting, which required a majority vote, and was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**.

Moderator Blake introduced the Select Board, Finance Committee members, Town Officials, and Town staff members and gave special thanks to SudburyTV.

She also thanked BSA Troop 65 members for their help handing microphones to speakers; she noted that BSA Troop 65 were selling refreshments to benefit the Pediatric Club (a student group working to provide support/donations to children facing exams/medical procedures) at Emerson Hospital.

RESOLUTION

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts was recognized to read the resolution in memory of those citizens who have served the Town and passed away during the past year.

Whereas: The Town of Sudbury has enjoyed the blessing of those in the community who gave of their time and talent to enrich the quality of life in our Town; and

Whereas: This past year has seen several of its citizens and employees who have rendered public service and civic duty pass from among us;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the Town of Sudbury extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families of these persons and recognizes their service and dedication to the community:

And be it further resolved:

That the Town of Sudbury, in Town Meeting assembled, record for posterity in the minutes of this meeting its recognition and appreciation for their contributions to our community:

JUNE FIGLEY ALLEN (1925-2024)

RICHARD FERGUSON BROOKS (1934-2023)

MORTON LEE BROUND (1935-2024)

RICHARD H. DAVISON (1938-2024)

JOYCE DUVALL (1952-2024)

JOHN E. FRAIZE, SR. (1937-2023)

MARYELLEN GALLAGHER (1939-2024)

ANN M. JOHNSON (1931-2024)

BETSY JANE JOSEPH (1971-2021)

EDWARD V. KREUTZ (1953-2024)

HALE LAMONT-HAVERS (1934-2024)

CAROLYN LEE (1947-2024)

RONALD B. MCCLANAHAN (1961-2024)

JEAN H. MUGFORD (1933-2024)

MARY A. PINTO (1924-2024)

DR. JOSEPH MASON PROUD, JR. (1930-2024)

JOAN SCHOW (1934-2024)

ALICE HUNTINGTON VANNERSON (1931-2024)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CARMINE GENTILE – PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

Representative Carmine Gentile presented State Citations to Maryanne Bilodeau for her fifteen years of service as the Human Resources Director/Assistant Town Manager, to Esme Green for her 14 years of service as Town Librarian and to Jennifer Roberts for her six years of service as a Member of the Select Board. He also presented Citations to Kevin Matthews for his fifteen years of service as a Member of the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School Committee, to Cara Endyke-Doran, for her six years of service as a member of the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School Committee; to Robert Leiberman for his 6 years of service on the Council on Aging, and Marilyn Tromer for service on the Council on Aging. Representative Gentile presented State Citations to Justin Finnicum for his three years of service on the Planning Board, Meredith Gerson for her six years of service as member of the Sudbury Public School Committee and Jeff Levine who served on the Council on Aging for six years.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

The Moderator stated that in order to expedite Town Meeting and save valuable time, Sudbury utilizes the Consent Calendar, and this year it contains 33 Articles, with two being indefinitely postponed. There did not need to be a vote to take the articles out of order. She further explained that any article may be withheld from the Consent Calendar by the request of at least 7 voters. Any changes to the articles from the warrant would be explained as she read off each article.

The Moderator proceeded with the roll call of the Consent Calendar, asking article by article if there were any questions or holds:

- Article 2. FY25 Budget Adjustments
- Article 5. FY26 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget.
- Article 6. FY26 Pool Enterprise Fund Budget.
- Article 7. FY26 Recreation Field Maintenance Enterprise Fund Budget.
- Article 8. FY26 Snow & Ice Transfer.
- Article 9. Unpaid Bills of Prior Fiscal Years. Indefinitely Postponed.
- Article 10. Chapter 90 Highway Funding.
- Article 11. FY26 Revolving Fund Spending Limits.
- Article 12. FY26 Transfer into Stabilization Fund.
- Article 17. Establishment of a Fairbank Community Center Revolving Fund.
- Article 18. Establishment of a Public Health Revolving Fund.
- Article 20. Trailside Circle & Bridle Path – Release of Easement.
- Article 21. Accept MGL C. 200A – Disposition of Unclaimed Property.

- Article 22. Adopt Hero Act, Clause 221.
- Article 23. Amend General Bylaws C. 5, Finance Committee.
- Article 25. Amend General Bylaws C. 68, Town Meetings.
- Article 32. Dump Truck with Plow & Spreader.
- Article 33. 6-Wheel Dump Truck with Slide-in Sander.
- Article 36. SPS – School Classroom Instructional Equipment Replacement.
- Article 37. SPS – ELA Curriculum Implementation.
- Article 38. SPS – HVAC Capital Improvement Engineering Study.
- Article 39. SPS – Fire Alarm, Emergency Lighting and Bi-Directional Amplification System Design Fees.
- Article 45. Community Preservation Act Fund – Hop Brook.
- Article 51. Community Preservation Act Fund - Regional Housing Services Office (RHSO) Membership Fee.
- Article 52. Community Preservation Act Fund – Return of Unspent Funds.

Articles 19, 42, 44, 47, 48, 49, and 50 were removed from the Consent Calendar by request from at least 7 voters.

The motion received a second.

The Moderator Kate Blake confirmed a majority vote was required.

Moderator Kate Blake *motioned* to approve the Consent Calendar Articles as amended and printed in the Warrant, and seconded. She held that Consent Calendar Articles 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 45, 51, 52, and 53, **PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor 241, Opposed 10

Ms. Blake stated, that for many years, there has been a tradition at the Annual Town Meeting to honor a citizen who has performed valuable service to the Town by asking him or her to make the motion under Article 1 of the Warrant. This year, the honor is bestowed upon MaryAnne Bilodeau. In addition to her service to the Town for many years as Director of Human Resources and Assistant Town Manager, Ms. Bilodeau served as Interim Town Manager in 2015, 2019-2020 and 2022-2023.

ARTICLE 1 – HEAR REPORTS

Maryanne Bilodeau *moved* in the words of the motion:

Move to accept the reports of the Town boards, commissions, officers and committees as printed in the 2024 Town Report or as otherwise presented, subject to the correction of errors, if any, where found.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was needed; the *motion* under Article 1 **PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-182, Opposed-4

The Moderator reviewed procedures for the Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Blake reminded the Hall that every speaker today should be treated with courtesy and respect, no matter how strongly someone may disagree with his or her point of view. She further stated that she will not allow any clapping, hissing, booing or other audible noise, for or against any speakers; either before, during or after presentations. It is within her powers as Moderator to terminate the right to speak of anyone who makes disrespectful comments, whether directed at a voter, speaker, or town official. She discussed procedural issues which appear in the Warrant.

The Moderator recognized Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts to present the State of the Town Address.

STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS - May 2025

Jennifer Roberts, Chair of the Select Board, delivered the State of the Town Address for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting, highlighting Sudbury's progress, especially meaningful during this important period reflecting the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and its relationship to Sudbury's role in our nation's fight for independence, with more soldiers from Sudbury represented in the Battle of Concord when compared to other towns. She emphasized that the Sudbury 250th Committee is doing an outstanding job remembering the courage and sacrifice of those early residents of Sudbury, and invited all to participate in the many events taking place.

Ms. Roberts recognized that one of the Town's greatest recent achievements includes the long-awaited completion of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and the Massachusetts Central Rail connection, linking communities to the east and west. She noted that these two Trails intersecting at Route 20 will be of great asset to Sudbury, presenting added recreation space, maintaining environmental sustainability and advancing opportunities to advance economic possibilities. Ms. Roberts stressed that these great projects would not have been possible without the financial commitment at the last Town Meeting and Community Preservation funding support. Ms. Roberts mentioned the completion of the Fairbank Community Center, another recent accomplishment in the Town of Sudbury which services Sudbury residents of all ages. She added that the Community Center houses the Senior Center, the Park and Recreation Department and Sudbury Public School Administration offices, and is the prime location for Town

elections. Ms. Roberts detailed that the Community Center also serves as the emergency shelter location.

Ms. Roberts acknowledged the Town's positive momentum regarding advancements in the Master Plan implementations, including housing production plan studies, open space and recreation plan, and the Route 20 economic development study. She noted the progress made by the Town in the area of sustainability and declaration of a climate emergency. This year the Sudbury Energy and Sustainability Committee is presenting an article to adopt the Massachusetts specialized stretch energy code, which is key in the State's meeting the net-zero emissions goal.

Ms. Roberts stressed that in 2022, the Select Board approved financial policies to support "sound, principle-based planning and decision-making." She detailed that the Facilities Assessment and Use Study provides a pathway to long-term capital planning for the Town in consideration of inflation, supply chain disruptions and increasing costs for the Town.

Ms. Roberts thanked community employees and volunteers and asked all to continue with the momentum in making "Sudbury a truly special place."

Full presentations for all Articles are available on the Town Meeting webpage on the Town website. www.sudbury.ma.us.

ARTICLE 2 – FY25 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the following words:

Move to indefinitely postpone Article 2.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; the motion to indefinitely postpone Article 2 PASSED.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

BUDGET MOTIONS

The Moderator explained the rules related to the votes for the budget articles, noting that the vote on the Limiting Motion will establish the upper limit for the FY26

budget. She explained that, once the Body disposes of the limiting motion, the Finance Committee will make a main motion on the budget. The Moderator will read line-by-line the items in the main motion. Absent a motion to reconsider the limiting motion, a voter can only make a motion to amend to reduce a line item, or to increase one item and decrease another, so that the total amount appropriated does not exceed the amount established by the limiting motion. In other words, it will be out of order to make a motion to increase a line item if that increase is not offset by a decrease in another line item.

ARTICLE 3 – FY25 BUDGET -- LIMITING MOTION

Sudbury Finance Committee Co-Chair Michael Ferrari moved in the words of the motion below:

Move that the amount appropriated under the Fiscal Year 2026 budget not exceed the sum of \$126,040,721.

Submitted by Town Manager

(Majority Vote required)

The motion received a second.

Sudbury Finance Committee Co-Chairs Michael Ferrari and Michael Joachim provided the Finance Committee State of the Town Finances. The full presentation is available on Sudbury TV.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the Limiting Motion

The Moderator asked for a motion to authorize the three cost centers to speak for five minutes each. The motion received a second and **PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**

Moderator Blake recognized the representatives of each of the cost centers to explain their positions on the budget. Town Manager Andrew Sheehan spoke for the Town; Superintendent Brad Crozier for Sudbury Public Schools; and Superintendent Andrew Stephens for Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. The full presentations are available on Sudbury TV.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; the Limiting motion **PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-248, Opposed-21

Article 3 Main Motion FY 26 Budget

Co-Chair of the Finance Committee Michael Ferrari moved in the words below:

Move that the Town appropriate the sums of money set forth in the column “FY26 Recommended” for Fiscal Year 2026 as printed in the warrant;

said sums to be raised by taxation, except that the following items to be raised and designated, by transfer from available fund balances and interfund transfers:

And to transfer from Interfund Transfer for Appropriation Account to item 100 – General Government, \$660,000; to transfer from Revolving Account to item 100 – General Government, \$35,000; to authorize the Town Manager to transfer, within the FY26 budget, \$1,625,865 from item 900 and \$650,000 from item 1000: OPEB Trust Contribution (Town and SPS) to the OPEB Trust established to meet expenses for post-employment health and life insurance benefits for eligible retirees and to expend such funds for that purpose; and to authorize multi-year contracts in excess of three years either by renewal, extension, or purchase options in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30B, section 12 upon determination by the Chief Procurement Officer to be the most advantageous option.

Submitted by the Town Manager

(Majority Vote required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 3

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 3

The Moderator read each item within the FY26 Budget Report.

EXPENDITURES		Recommended
300:	Education - Sudbury Public Schools (SPS)	47,279,447
300:	Education - LS Regional High School (LS) ¹	30,252,405
300:	Education - Vocational	400,000
Total: Schools		77,931,852
100:	General Government	4,049,199
200:	Public Safety ⁴	10,679,760
400:	Public Works ⁵	6,414,763
500:	Human Services	1,072,144
600:	Culture & Recreation	1,773,678
Total: Town Departments		23,989,544
800:	Reserve Fund	300,000
800:	Town-Wide Operating and Transfers	226,764
700:	Town Debt Service	4,969,223
900:	Employee Benefits (Town and SPS) ²	17,973,338
1000:	OPEB Trust Contribution (Town and SPS) ³	650,000

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	126,040,721
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- 1 Includes \$428,279 for Debt Service and \$334,492 for OPEB
- 2 Includes \$7,637,358 for Town and \$10,335,980 for SPS
- 3 Includes \$214,500 for Town and \$435,500 for SPS
- 4 Appropriation is partially funded by \$660,000 of ambulance receipts
- 5 Appropriation is partially funded by \$35,000 of solar revolving fund receipt

And further, to authorize multi-year contracts in excess of three years either by renewal, extension, or purchase options in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30B, section 12 upon determination by the Chief Procurement Officer to be the most advantageous option.

Manager Sheehan, SPS Superintendent Brad Crozier and LSRHS Superintendent Andrew Stephens presented prospective expenditures.

Resident Manish Sharma, 77 Colonial Road, asked about SPS equipment installed three years ago and possible overage amounts. Superintendent Crozier acknowledged the topic was addressed at the 2023 Town Meeting. The Moderator confirmed that the topic had nothing to do with tonight's motion as it was addressed at a previous Town Meeting.

Mr. Sharma requested further review of any remaining funding. Town Manager Sheehan explained that future State funding was difficult to predict at this time with the uncertainties in Washington. Sudbury is in line for a \$500,000 FEMA grant which will be discussed later during this Town Meeting.

Mr. Sharma questioned the increase cost associated with the Atkinson Pool repair. The Moderator detailed that the subject had nothing to do with the motion now presented, but would be addressed later in this meeting.

Resident Grant Grummer, 15 Pine Street, asked if the limiting motion would deter discussions regarding Article 56. Town Manager Sheehan responded that Article 56 is a Citizen's Petition which requests funding for the design and construction of sidewalks and walkways around Town, and would not be affected by the current motion.

The Moderator recognized there was a proposed amendment to Article 3 regarding Expenditure Item 300 Education – Vocational as presented by Jean Nam.

Resident Jean Nam, 81 Newbridge Road, motioned to amend the FY26 Budget by decreasing Line 800 Reserve Fund by \$200,000 and to increase Line 300 Education – Vocational by \$200,000. The motion was seconded.

Ms. Nam stated that today, students from Sudbury have no opportunity to attend a vocational school in the area. She stressed that it was time to change this situation. Ms. Nam acknowledged that when she was a member of the Finance Committee for four years, the Reserve Fund was not used once.

Chair Roberts responded on behalf of the Select Board that for several years the Select Board has been seeking membership to a vocational school through outreach and advocacy. She stated that the Select Board opposed the proposed amendment as the reserve fund would be the method to cover Town emergencies that might surface during the fiscal year and is the only reserve that the Finance Committee can use without calling a Special Town Meeting. Ms. Roberts noted that in the past several years ARPA funding was available to the Town and now it is not. She suggested achieving membership to a vocational education school via a “well-planned process, not by undermining our emergency reserves.” She urged the hall to vote against the Amendment.

It was noted that the Finance Committee had previously voted unanimously not to recommend this amendment.

Resident Ralph Tyler, One Deacon Lane, stated that the amendment might be a means to provide vocational education funding, as the reserve fund has not been used recently.

Resident Maia Proujansky, 38 Lakewood Drive, asked why the line item for vocational education continue to be reduced. She indicated that she could not support the amendment presented tonight, but urged Town officials including the Finance Committee, to make vocational education a priority and stop deferring vocational education opportunities for Town students and families.

Resident and Select Board Member, Lisa Kouchakdjian, 30 Meadowbrook Circle, acknowledged her statement reflected her personal feelings about the topic. She stated that since she became a Select Board Member in 2022, she advocated for Sudbury membership in a vocational school and upheld this Select Board goal. Ms. Kouchakdjian stressed that transferring such funding from the reserve fund was not a good idea.

Resident Lily Lee, 103 Warren Road, asked how much money was currently in the reserve fund.

Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that the Town budgets \$300,000 for the reserve fund and at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th, such funding disappears at the end of the fiscal year if it is not spent.

Ms. Lee inquired about free cash account and if that account could be used for emergencies.

Town Manager Sheehan stated that there is currently \$300,000 in the Reserve Fund and Free Cash funding requires action by the Finance Committee which presents a rather complicated process. At the end of the year the fund reverts back to Free Cash.

Ms. Lee suggested that the Town start to build a vocational education program and asked where such funds might come from.

Select Board Member Janie Dretler, 286 Goodman's Hill Road, asked if the reserve fund had been used and if other emergency funds had been used recently.

Town Manager Sheehan detailed that recently the reserve fund had been used somewhat less in consideration of COVID-related ARPA funding (\$6 million received by the Town), which was used for waterline replacement at the Fairbank Community Center, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) actions, design work at the Fairbank Community Center.

Resident Barry Kelly, 45 Beechwood Avenue, stressed there is a great need for Vocational Education in Sudbury.

Select Board Chair Roberts confirmed that the Select Board has made re-entry membership to a vocational school a priority goal for the last three years and the Board has been reaching out to various schools and Ms. Kouchakdjian has visited several such schools and spoke with various Directors of those schools. Ms. Roberts stated the now with the increase in popularity of vocational school education programs, schools do not have available membership. Town Manager Sheehan has reached out to the vocational education schools as well; the Select Board is hopeful that such membership will become available in the near future.

Ms. Nam commented that there is a 6% buffer in the budget, and the \$300,000 would return to Free Cash if not used.

Town Manager Sheehan took exception with Ms. Nam's statement, noting that the Town has "very significant financial challenges," and using the reserve fund is not a prudent use of those funds. He added that since the Town had withdrawn from membership to the Minuteman Vocational Education School some years ago, such \$200,000 funding would not provide assurance of membership in any local vocational education school. Mr. Sheehan agreed that the goal of the petitioner is consistent with the goal of the Select Board and himself to present a plan for associated funding at the next Town Meeting and put such funding into a "dedicated, stand-alone stabilization fund" for vocational education, which would carry over after June 30th and would not close out to free cash, but would grow.

Vote on Amendment:

Resident Jean Nam, resident moved to amend Article 3 by decreasing line 800 by \$200,000 and increasing line 300 by \$200,000. The Amendment was seconded.

The Moderator stated that the amendment required a majority vote and held that the Amendment was defeated.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-46, Opposed-228

The Moderator stated that the main motion under Article 3 required a majority vote, and declared that the motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor - 248, Opposed – 21

ARTICLE 4 – FY25 CAPITAL BUDGET

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words below:

Move to appropriate the sum of \$1,219,400 for the purchase or acquisition of capital items including, but not limited to capital equipment, construction, engineering, design, and renovation to buildings, including equipping of vehicles and all incidental and related expense for projects; with the sum of \$1,219,400 to be raised by taxation; and to authorize the Town Manager to allocate funds as needed between the underlying departments as shown in the following chart:

FY25 Operating Capital Budget

Sudbury Public Schools	\$410,000
Information Systems	\$179,800
Fire	\$138,100
Public Works	\$236,500
Conservation	\$ 50,000
Health	\$ 50,000
Combined Facilities	\$155,000
TOTAL	\$1,219,400

Submitted by the Town Manager

(Majority Vote required)

The motion received a second.

Town Manager Sheehan explained in detail the items in the Capital Budget.

Finance Committee Co-Chair Michael Ferrari presented the Finance Committee's report on the FY26 Capital budget.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 4

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 4.

Resident Ralph Tyler noted that inflation has been very high exceeding 2 1/2%. Town Manager Sheehan stated that requesting an override is not an easy process and would want to push out any such action., if possible.

Resident Vicky McKenzie, 138 Maynard Road, questioned the school roof design costs. Town Manager Sheehan stated that related estimates and costs have increased considerably and for that reason the design aspect is being addressed this year and the construction aspect will be brought forth next year or the following year.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; Article 4 PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 5. FY26 TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move To appropriate the sum of \$327,915 for the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for FY26, and further to authorize use of an additional \$18,955 for indirect costs; such sums to be raised from \$314,870 in FY26 receipts from the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund and \$32,000 from Retained Earnings, as set forth in the article.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 6. FY26 POOL ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move to appropriate the sum of \$498,434 for the Pool Enterprise Fund for FY26, and further to authorize use of an additional \$48,600 for indirect costs; said sums to be raised from \$407,034 in FY26 receipts from the Pool Enterprise Fund and \$140,000 from retained earnings, as set forth in the article.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the ***motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.***

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 7. FY26 RECREATION FIELD MAINTENANCE ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, ***moved*** in the words of the article:

Move to appropriate the sum of \$211,837 for the Recreation Field Maintenance Enterprise Fund for FY26, further to authorize use of an additional \$30,240 for indirect costs, and further authorize the transfer of \$10,500 to the Turf Stabilization Fund; said sums to be raised from \$210,577 in FY26 receipts from the Recreation Field Maintenance Enterprise Fund and \$42,000 from retained earnings, as set forth in the article.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The ***motion*** received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the ***motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.***

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 8. FY26 SNOW AND ICE TRANSFER

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, ***moved*** in the words of the article:

Move To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$550,000, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2025 Snow and Ice deficit.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The ***motion*** received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the *motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 9. FY26 UNPAID BILLS

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, *moved* in the words of the article:

Moved To indefinitely postpone Article 9

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the *motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 10. CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUNDING

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, *moved* in the words of the article:

To authorize the Town Manager to accept and to enter into a contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance projects of Town ways pursuant to Chapter 90 funding; and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow such amounts in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the *motion to PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 11. FY26 REVOLVING FUND SPENDING LIMITS

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move to establish the FY26 spending limits for the use of revolving funds under M.G.L. c.44, s.53E ½, by the following departments of the Town, in accordance with each fund as set forth in General Bylaw Chapter 25, Section 25-5 Limitation on expenditures:

Fund	Department	Maximum Amount
Public Health Vaccinations & Tobacco Control	Board of Health	\$50,000
Plumbing & Gas Inspectional Services	Building Inspector	\$75,000
Portable Sign Administration & Inspectional Services	Building Inspector	\$10,000
Conservation (Trail Maintenance)	Conservation Commission	\$15,000
Conservation (Wetlands)	Conservation Commission	\$50,000
Forestry Activities	Conservation Commission	\$10,000
Council on Aging Activities	Council on Aging	\$65,000
Council on Aging Van Transportation (MWRTA)	Council on Aging	\$175,000
Cemetery Revolving Fund	Public Works	\$30,000
Fire Department Permits	Fire	\$70,000
Goodnow Library Meeting Rooms	Goodnow Library	\$15,000
Goodnow Library Services	Goodnow Library	\$30,000
Recreation Programs	Park & Recreation Commission	\$570,000
Teen Center	Park & Recreation Commission	\$15,000
Youth Programs	Park & Recreation Commission	\$150,000
Bus	Sudbury Public School	\$600,000
Instrumental Music	Sudbury Public School	\$100,000
Cable Television	Town Manager	\$30,000
Rental Property	Town Manager	\$50,000
Dog	Town Clerk	\$75,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$50,000
Solar Energy	Combined Facilities	\$1,000,000

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the *motion* *PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 12. FY26 STABILIZATION FUND

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, *moved* in the words of the article:

Move to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$400,000, to be added to the Stabilization Fund established under Article 12, of the October 7, 1982 Special Town Meeting, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the *motion* *PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 13 – FY25 TRANSFER INTO CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, *moved* in the words below:

Move to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$700,000, to be added to the Capital Stabilization Fund established under Article 13 of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Submitted by Town Manager

(Majority vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

Town Manager Sheehan presented the report for the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 13.

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 13.

Resident Greg Hamill, 16 Pine Street, asked how much Free Cash would be left at the end of the tonight's Town Meeting if all the expenditures are spent. Finance Vice-Chair Joachim commented that he would be comfortable with the Free Cash amount if articles recommended this evening were all passed. Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that the Town will have approximately \$2,449,000 remaining in Free Cash to carry over the next year if all articles are passed.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; Article 13 **PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**
Electronic Vote: In Favor-187, Opposed-14

ARTICLE 14 – FY25 POOL ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words below:

Move to increase the FY25 Pool Enterprise Fund Budget by \$25,000, with said amount being transferred from Pool Enterprise Retained earnings.

Submitted by the Town Manager

(Majority vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

Town Manager Sheehan presented the report for the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 14.

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 14.

Resident Jean Nam asked about the cost associated with replacing the pool water and asked where that funding is coming from.

Town Manager Sheehan stated that cost for that water is about \$1,500.00 per month.

Resident Alicia Carrillo, 68 Basswood Road inquired about the funding source for the monthly supply of pool water. Town Manager Sheehan detailed that such funding is coming from the Pool Enterprise fund.

Resident Henry Radoski, 358 Old Lancaster Road, stated that the pool is used extensively and is very impressed by the facilities and that he pays \$75.00 per month to be a member.

Resident and Park & Recreation Commission Member Mara Huston, 578 Peakham Road, stated that the Commission voted unanimously to support this article. She thanked Town Staff for their work with dealing with the pool shutdown in January.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; Article 14 **PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-150, Opposed-14

ARTICLE 15 – FY25 Create Pension Stabilization Fund

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, **moved** in the words below:

Move to create, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, a Pension Stabilization Fund; and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$175,000 to be placed in said fund.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Two-Thirds Vote Required)

The **motion** received a second.

Town Manager Sheehan presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Did not Support Article 15 by a vote of 8-1

SELECT BOARD: Supported Article 15, with a vote of 4-1

Resident Ralph Tyler indicated all such articles regarding stabilization funding should be presented in one article/motion.

The Moderator confirmed a two-thirds vote was required; Article 15 **FAILED.**
Electronic Vote: In Favor-103, Opposed-107

ARTICLE 16 – FY25 CREATE ACCRUED LEAVE FUND

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts, **moved** in the words below:

Move to accept the provisions of G.L. c.40, s.13D to create a compensated absences fund to be known as the Accrued Leave Fund, for the future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences due any employee of the Town upon their retirement, resignation or termination, and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000, and to authorize the Town Manager to make payments from such fund in accordance with the Employee Handbook and collective bargaining agreements.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

Town Manager Sheehan presented the article.

SELECT BOARD: Supported Article 16

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Did not Support Article 16 by a vote of 8-1

Resident Chris Thompson, 178 Horse Pond Road, asked if this fund would be open to every department employee. Town Manager Sheehan confirmed the fund would be available to all department employees.

Resident Kevin Matthews, 137 Haynes Road, stated that if proper planning took place, there would be no need for this type of funding.

Resident Alex Vai, 5 Wadsworth Road, inquired about the scale of the accrued liabilities and how \$25,000 would relate to that number. Town Manager Sheehan responded that \$25,000 would not be enough to pay all of the accrued liabilities, but it would be a start and smaller departments might be covered.

Resident Ralph Tyler indicated it was a small amount of money to consider every year.

Resident Jan Hardenbergh, 7 Tippling Rock Road, asked if there were not enough money within a given department, how would it get paid. Town Manager Sheehan responded that it would depend on which department was involved; if several departments are within one functional area, it might be more likely for coverage. Otherwise, that would need to go to the finance committee for a Reserve Fund transfer

Resident Len Simon, 40 Meadowbrook Circle asked if this article reflected a Select Board goal. Town Manager Sheehan indicated that he was unsure that this was a Select Board goal, but was sure that Article 15 was a goal he had established for himself and the Select Board agreed. Mr. Simon stated that this was a prudent tool and would help protect the work force.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 16 **PASSED BY MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**
Electronic Vote: In Favor 116, Opposed 88

At 10:31 PM, the Moderator motioned to suspend Town Meeting and convene the meeting to tomorrow, May 6, 2025 at 7:30 PM in this Auditorium. The motion was seconded. The motion passed by more than a majority.

SUDBURY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 6, 2025

Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Select Board and a quorum being present on the second day of Sudbury Annual Town Meeting, Catharine Blake, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. The Moderator thanked members of Scout troops 65 and 61 for assisting at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 17. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CENTER REVOLVING FUND

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move To amend Article II s.25-4 (Adopted as Art. XXXIII of the General Bylaws) and authorize the establishment of a new revolving fund for fiscal year 2026 and subsequent years, to be known as the “Fairbank Community Center Revolving Fund” to be used for the purposes of expenses related to the rental of the building rental of the Fairbank Community Center, and by inserting the following text into the list and description of revolving funds as set forth in Article II, s. 25-4:

Expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by the Town Manager and shall not exceed an annual limit of \$75,000 as established by Town Meeting.

<i>Program or Purpose</i>	<i>Authorized Representative or Board to Spend</i>	<i>Department Receipts</i>
<i>This fund will be used to cover personnel and expenses related to making the Fairbank Community Center available for rental.</i>	<i>Town Manager</i>	<i>Proceeds, charges or other receipts received from the rental of the Fairbank Community Center.</i>

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The **motion** received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the **motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 18. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC HEALTH REVOLVING FUND

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, **moved** in the words of the article:

Move to amend Article II s.25-4 (Adopted as Art. XXXIII of the General Bylaws) and authorize the establishment of a new revolving fund for fiscal year 2026 and subsequent years, to be known as the “Public Health Revolving Fund,” to be used for the purposes of emergency public health preparedness and public health programming including but not limited to immediate public health emergency responses, community outreach activities, capacity-building initiatives, wellness programs, and other public health activities that promote and protect the health and well-being of the Town’s residents, and by inserting the following text into the list and description of revolving funds as set forth in Article II, s. 25-4: Expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by the Health Director and shall not exceed an annual limit of \$50,000 as established by Town Meeting.

<i>Program or Purpose</i>	<i>Authorized Representative or Board to Spend</i>	<i>Department Receipts</i>
Expenses related to Public Health Emergency response, programming and community outreach, and initiatives and activities that promote and protect the health of the Town’s residents.	Health Director	Proceeds, charges or other receipts received from activities or programs to support cross-jurisdictional regional shared services and/or fees for service.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The **motion** received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the **motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 19 - ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATION REVOLVING FUND

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, **moved** in the words below:

Moved to amend Article II s. 25-4 (Adopted as Art. XXXIII of the General Bylaws) and authorize the establishment of a new revolving fund for fiscal year 2026 and subsequent years, to be known as the “Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Revolving Fund,” to be used for the purposes in connection with the operation of town equipment, programs or activities that generate fees, charges, or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses for the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, and by inserting the following text into the list and description of revolving funds as set forth in Article II. s. 25-4: Expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by the Facilities Director and shall not exceed an annual limit of \$150,000 as established by Town Meeting.

Submitted by the Combined Facilities Director

(Majority vote required)

The **motion** received a second.

Facilities Director Sandra Duran presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 19

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 19

The Moderator confirmed that Article 19 **PASSED BY MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**
Electronic Vote: In Favor 175, Opposed 38

ARTICLE 20. TRAILSIDE CIRCLE & BRIDLE PATH – RELEASE OF EASEMENT

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, **moved** in the words of the article:

Move to authorize the Select Board to release, terminate, and extinguish any and all rights the Town has in that certain 20-foot-wide pedestrian access easement shown on a Plan of Land dated May 19, 1986, recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan

Number 1426 of 1986, and in Book 17488, Page 75, as reserved in a Quitclaim Deed recorded in said Registry in Book 83551, Page 110, and as granted to the Town and recorded in said Registry in Book 17488, Page 122.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the *motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 21. ACCEPT M.G.L., CHAPTER 200A, SECTION 9A, DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED FUNDS

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, *moved* in the words of the article:

Move to accept the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 200A, Section 9A, Disposition of abandoned funds by city or town, as follows:

Section 9A. (a) In any city, town or district that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4, there shall be an alternative procedure for disposing of abandoned funds held in the custody of the city, town or district as provided in this section.

(b) Any funds held in the custody of a city, town or district may be presumed by the city, town or district treasurer to be abandoned unless claimed by the corporation, organization, beneficiary or person entitled thereto within 1 year after the date prescribed for payment or delivery; provided, however, that the last instrument intended as payment shall bear upon its face the statement "void if not cashed within 1 year from date of issue". After the expiration of 1 year after the date of issue, the treasurer of a city, town or district may cause the financial institution upon which the instrument was drawn to stop payment on the instrument or otherwise cause the financial institution to decline payment on the instrument and any claims made beyond that date shall only be paid by the city, town or district through the issuance of a new instrument. The city, town or district and the financial institution shall not be liable for damages, consequential or otherwise, resulting from a refusal to honor an instrument of a city, town or district submitted for payment more than a year after its issuance.

(c) The treasurer of a city, town or district holding funds owed to a corporation, organization, beneficiary or person entitled thereto that are presumed to be abandoned under this section shall post a notice entitled "Notice of names of person appearing to be owners of funds held by the Town of Sudbury, and deemed abandoned". The notice shall specify the names of those

persons who appear from available information to be entitled to such funds, shall provide a description of the appropriate method for claiming the funds and shall state a deadline for those funds to be claimed; provided, however, that the deadline shall not be less than 60 days after the date the notice was either postmarked or first posted on a website as provided in this section. The treasurer of the city, town or district may post, such notice using either of the following methods: (1) by mailing the notice by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address of the beneficiary or person entitled thereto; or (2) if the city, town or district maintains an official website, by posting the notice conspicuously on the website for not less than 60 days. If the apparent owner fails to respond within 60 days after the mailing or posting of the notice, the treasurer shall cause a notice of the check to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in English, in the county in which the city or town is located.

(d) In the event that funds appearing to be owed to a corporation, organization, beneficiary or person is \$100 or more and the deadline as provided in the notice has passed and no claim for the funds has been made, the treasurer shall cause an additional notice, in substantially the same form as the aforementioned notice, to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the city, town or district is located; provided, however, that the notice shall provide an extended deadline beyond which funds shall not be claimed and such deadline shall be at least 1 year from the date of publication of the notice.

(e) Once the final deadline has passed under subsection (d), the funds owed to the corporation, organization, beneficiary or person entitled thereto shall escheat to the city, town or district and the treasurer thereof shall record the funds as revenue in the General Fund of the city, town or district and the city, town or district shall not be liable to the corporation, organization, beneficiary or person for payment of those funds or for the underlying liability for which the funds were originally intended. Upon escheat, the funds shall be available to the city, town or district's appropriating authority for appropriation for any other public purpose. In addition to the notices required in this section, the treasurer of the city, town or district may initiate any other notices or communications that are directed in good faith toward making final disbursement of the funds to the corporation, organization, beneficiary or person entitled thereto.

Prior to escheat of the funds, the treasurer of the city, town or district shall hear all claims on funds that may arise and if it is clear, based on a preponderance of the evidence available to the treasurer at the time the claim is made, that the claimant is entitled to disbursement of the funds, the treasurer shall disburse funds to the claimant upon receipt by the treasurer of a written indemnification agreement from the claimant wherein the claimant agrees to hold the city, town or district and the treasurer of the city, town or district harmless in the event it is later determined that the claimant was not entitled to receipt of the funds. If it is not clear, based on a preponderance of the evidence before the treasurer at the time of the claim that the claimant is entitled to disbursement of the funds, the treasurer shall segregate the funds into a separate, interest-bearing account and shall notify the claimant of such action within 10 days. A claimant affected by this action may appeal within 20 days after receiving notice thereof to the district, municipal or superior court in the county in which the city, town or district is located. The claimant shall have a trial de novo. A party adversely affected by a decree or

order of the district, municipal or superior court may appeal to the appeals court or the supreme judicial court within 20 days from the date of the decree.

If the validity of the claim shall be determined in favor of the claimant or another party, the treasurer shall disburse funds in accordance with the order of the court, including interest accrued. If the validity of the claim is determined to be not in favor of the claimant or another party or if the treasurer does not receive notice that an appeal has been filed within 1 year from the date the claimant was notified that funds were being withheld, then the funds, plus accrued interest, shall escheat to the city, town or district in the manner provided in this section.

If the claimant is domiciled in another state or country and the city, town or district determines that there is no reasonable assurance that the claimant will actually receive the payment provided for in this section in substantially full value, the superior court, in its discretion or upon a petition by the city, town or district, may order that the city, town or district retain the funds.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the *motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 22. ADOPTION OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 59 SECTION 5, CLAUSE 22I: COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR VETERAN'S REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, *moved* in the words of the article:

Move to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I as enacted by Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, which authorizes an increase in the amount of abatement granted pursuant to General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by an amount equal to the increase in the cost of living as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for such year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The **motion** received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the **motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 23. AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS CHAPTER 5, ART. II, SECTIONS 5-3 AND 5-5, FINANCE COMMITTEE

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, **moved** in the words of the article:

Move to amend Chapter 5, Article II, s.5-3, of the General Bylaws by deleting the text shown in strikethrough and inserting the bolded text as follows:

5.3 Composition and eligibility.

*There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of nine ~~legal~~ registered voters of the Town, who shall be appointed by the Moderator as hereinafter provided. **Unless provided elsewhere in the Charter or General Bylaws, a member of the Finance Committee shall be precluded from serving on any other Town committee, board or commission, whether elected or appointed. Employees of the Sudbury Public Schools, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District or the Town of Sudbury shall be precluded from serving on the Finance Committee.***

5.4 Appointment; term; officers; recordkeeping.

The Moderator shall, at the Annual Town Meeting, appoint sufficient members to the Finance Committee for such terms of office as will result in a total membership of nine, with the terms of three of the total membership expiring each year. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the close of final adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting at which their successors are appointed. Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without pay. Said committee shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

5.5 Vacancies.

*The said Committee shall fill any vacancy which may occur in its membership, by vote, attested copy of which shall be sent by the Secretary to the Town Clerk. If any member is absent from five consecutive meeting of said committee, except in case of illness, their position shall be deemed to be **vacant by majority vote of said Committee** and shall be filled as herein provided. The term of office of any person so chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Town Meeting, and the Moderator thereof shall appoint their successor to complete the unexpired term of the member in whose office such vacancy originally occurred.*

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The **motion** received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the **motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 24 – AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS CHAPTER 11, CAPITAL PLANNING

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts **moved** in the words below:

Moved to indefinitely postpone Article 24.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote required)

The **motion** received a second.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that the motion to Indefinitely Postpone Article 24 **PASSED BY MORE THAN MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-210, Opposed-13

ARTICLE 25. AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS CHAPTER 68, SECTION 68-2 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, **moved** in the words of the article:

Move to amend General Bylaw, Chapter 68, Section 68-2, Annual Business Meeting, by deleting the text shown in strikethrough and inserting the bolded text:

§ 68-2 Annual Business Meeting.

*The Annual Business Meeting shall begin on the first Monday in May at such place as the Select Board shall determine. The Select Board, after a public hearing, may delay the start of the Annual Town Meeting for up to seven days, provided that it acts no later than the last day in February preceding. All sessions of the meeting shall begin at **7:00 p.m.** and, unless otherwise voted by 2/3 of those present and voting, shall be adjourned to **7:00 p.m.** of the next Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, whichever comes first (legal holidays excluded), upon completion of the article under discussion at 10:30 p.m.; except that any such meeting shall be adjourned before that time if a quorum shall be declared to have been lost, or at **8:00 p.m.** if a quorum has not been assembled by then.*

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The **motion** received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the **motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

**ARTICLE 26 - AMEND GENERAL BY LAW CHAPTER 170, SECTION 170-2
WEIGHTS & MEASURES FEES**

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to amend General Bylaw Chapter 170, Section 170-2, Sealing weights and measures, by amending certain fees charged by the Town for the sealing of weighing or measuring devices, as described below:

<u>Device</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Scales and Balances		
Over 10,000 lbs.	\$100	\$250
5,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.	\$60	\$150
1,000 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	\$40	\$120
100 lbs. to 1000 lbs.	\$30	\$90
10 lbs. to 100 lbs.	\$20	\$60
Under 10 lbs.	\$15	\$45
Weights (all types)	\$2	\$15
Measuring Devices		
Gasoline pumps/meters	\$20	\$60
Vehicle tank	\$50	\$120
Bulk storage	\$75	\$150
Taxi meters	\$25	\$75
Fabric measures	\$20	\$60
Cordage measures	\$20	\$60
Linear measures (yardsticks, etc.)	\$10	\$30
Automated Retail Checkout Systems		
Fewer than 4 units	\$75	\$125
4 units and not more than 11 units	\$150	\$200
More than 11 units	\$250	\$300
Other Devices		
Bottle/can redeemers	\$15	\$45

Submitted by the Town Manager

(Majority Vote required)

The **motion** received a second.

Town Manager Sheehan presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 26

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 26

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 26 PASSED WITH MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-230, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 27 - AMEND GENERAL BYLAW CHAPTER 129, SECTION 129-3, THE STRETCH ENERGY CODE, TO ADOPT THE STRETCH ENERGY CODE AND THE SPECIALIZED STRETCH ENERGY CODE

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to amend Chapter 129, section 129-3 of the General Bylaws, entitled State Building Code: Stretch Energy Code for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emission, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23, including Appendices RC and CC, including future editions, amendments, or modifications thereto, with an effective date of September 1st, 2025, by deleting the existing text and title in its entirety and inserting in its place the following: §129-3 State Building Code: Stretch Energy Code and Specialized Energy Code. The State Building Code is incorporated herein by reference as found in 225 CMR 22 and 23, including Appendices RC and CC, the Specialized Energy Code”, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

Submitted by the Energy and Sustainability Committee (Majority Vote required)

The motion received a second.

Chair of the Energy and Sustainability Committee Rami Alwan presented the article and included summary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No position.

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 27, by 4-1 vote

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 27 PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-168, Opposed-118

ARTICLE 28 – AMEND ZONING BYLAW SECTION 5500 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS AND SECTION 7110 DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 7110 Definitions to add a definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit and Section 5500 Accessory Dwelling Units in Residence Districts by deleting the entirety of Section 5500 and replacing it with a new Section 5500.

5500. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU) IN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS

5510. Purpose. *The purpose of this bylaw is to increase housing opportunities in Sudbury by allowing the utilization of the existing housing stock to offer different housing styles reflective of a more diverse population, in terms of age, family size and income. The type of housing allowed under this bylaw may benefit several sectors of the population - current residents whose lifestyles no longer fit into the usefulness of a larger single-family dwelling will be able to supplement their income by renting a portion of their home, and those not capable of home ownership, financially or otherwise, may be able find suitable housing in these units – without substantially altering the appearance of the Town. This type of diverse housing is in accordance with the 2021 Master Plan, the 2005 Community Housing Plan, and the 2024 Affordable Homes Act, and ensures compliance with zoning standards, regulations regarding building design, and requirements of the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town.*

5520. Conditions and Requirements. *Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Zoning Bylaw, one Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) per lot containing a principal dwelling may be constructed as of right in the Single Residence District "A", "C", Wayside Inn Historic Preservation Zone, Limited Business District, or Village Business District subject to the following:*

5521. *The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall contain no more than 900 square feet, or shall occupy no more than 50% of the gross floor area of the principal dwelling, whichever is smaller. The sum of the areas of all stories of the building of compliant ceiling height pursuant to the Building Code, including basements, lofts, and intermediate floored tiers, measured from the interior faces of exterior walls or from the centerline of walls separating buildings or dwelling units but excluding crawl spaces, garage parking areas, attics, enclosed porches and similar spaces. Where there are multiple Principal Dwellings on the Lot, the GFA of the largest Principal Dwelling shall be used for determining the maximum size of a Protected Use ADU.*

5522. *An Accessory Dwelling Unit may be built in a detached accessory structure separate from the main dwelling provided: (1) the lot meets the current minimum zoning requirement for lot area in the district in which the lot is located, (2) the detached structure meets the same minimum setback requirements that apply to the principal residence in the district in which the structure is located, and the size of the ADU shall comply with Section 5521.*

5523. *There will be no more than one Accessory Dwelling Unit per building lot.*

5524. *Adequate provision will be made for the disposal of sewage, waste and drainage generated by the occupancy of the Accessory Dwelling Unit in accordance with all requirements of the Board of Health, including provision for an appropriate reserve area on-site.*

5525. All Accessory Dwelling Units must meet Building Code requirements for egress, fire separation, and fire alarms.

5525A. An attached Accessory Dwelling Unit will be designed so that the appearance of the structure remains that of a single-family dwelling and its associated accessory structures.

5525B. All stairways to an Accessory Dwelling Unit above the first floor must be enclosed within the exterior walls of the structure or on the rear of the dwelling or accessory structure if constructed on an exterior wall, to retain the character and appearance of a single-family home.

5525C. There will be two separate and distinct means of egress from each Accessory Dwelling Unit and each primary dwelling unit. The entrances for individual units should be located as remote as possible from each other or combined into a common vestibule that creates the appearance of a single entrance.

5525D. Where two entrances exist on the front façade of the single-family dwelling, one entrance will appear to be principal entrance and other entrances will be designed to appear to be secondary, to retain the character and appearance of a single-family home.

5525E. For detached Accessory Dwelling Units the building must appear to be an accessory structure and be architecturally harmonious with that of the primary dwelling, including a similar scale, quality of design, materiality, and proportions of the architectural elements and features.

5526. Off-street Parking. There shall be at least one dedicated off-street parking for the Accessory Dwelling Unit or none if you are within 0.5 miles from a commuter rail station, subway station, ferry terminal, or bus station.

5526A No parking spaces shall be located within the boundary of a street right of way.

5526B In no case shall parking spaces which are more than two spaces deep be considered in computing the required parking.

5526C Parking spaces will be constructed of materials suitable for vehicular hardscape, have vehicular access to, and be directly adjacent to the existing driveway.

5526D New curb cuts or driveway connections to the road are not permitted in conjunction with the creation of an ADU.

5526E Garage spaces may not be used to comply with the provisions of this Section.

5527. It is prohibited for any ADU in the Town of Sudbury to be used as a Short-Term Rental as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 64G of the General Laws.

5530. Reports.

5531. In order to ensure compliance, the applicant shall obtain and submit to the Building Inspector as part of the filing for a Building Permit, a written report of the Board of Health certifying that the conditions of subsection 5524 have been met.

5540. Other Requirements.

5541. Building Permit Required. A Building Permit, or inspection by the Building Department, shall be required to create an Accessory Dwelling Unit.

5542. No Separate Conveyance. The Accessory Dwelling Unit shall remain accessory to a principal dwelling and the ownership of the Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be conveyed or otherwise transferred separately from the principal dwelling.

5543. Existing Non-conforming lots and structures- To the extent that a finding is required as to any ADU, Section 2400 shall apply provided, that the determination shall not be made by special permit, rather by finding of the Zoning Board of Appeals acting pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, §6.

5550. Existing Special Permits. *With respect to structures constituting or containing an Accessory Dwelling Unit for which a Special Permit was obtained at any time prior to 2 February 2025, any unit that meets the criteria of Section 5500, as amended will be considered going forward to be a Protected Use ADU as defined by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, those units that do not meet the requirements of Section 5500 will be subject to all Conditions of the Special Permit issued for the creation of the ADU, including but not limited to any requirements for renewal or expiration of the Special Permit.*

Section 7000 Definitions and word usage

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). *A self-contained housing unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities on the same Lot as a Principal Dwelling, subject to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that:*

(a) maintains a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the Principal Dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the state Building Code for safe egress;

(b) is not larger in Gross Floor Area than ½ the Gross Floor Area of the Principal Dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller; and

(c) will not be used as a Short-term Rental as defined in section 1 of chapter 64G.

Submitted by the Planning Board

(Majority vote required)

The motion received a second.

Planning Director Adam Burney presented the article. The full presentation is available on SudburyTV.

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 28

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Position

Resident Ralph Tyler, moved to amend Article 28 by deleting

- 1. *prohibited discretionary criteria 5525A and 5525E***
- 2. *Additional requirements of 5525B, 5525C, 5525, 5526C, 5526D, 5526E 5530***
- 3. *Amending Section 5521 & 7000ADU(b) by adding after 900 square feet the words “except for lots meeting the minimum lot area of the district, 1350 square feet.”***

The motion was seconded

The Moderator ruled that section #3 of the amendment was beyond the scope of the warrant. She explained that section 3 would require a 2/3rd's vote while the rest of the amendment required a majority vote.

Town Counsel Lee Smith stated that the issue with item 3 in the amendment is by increasing from 900 square feet in the statute, it takes it out of ADU's statutory provisions and requires a two-thirds vote in that instance.

Mr. Tyler agreed to delete section 3 from his amendment. Mr. Tyler moved to amend the article by deleting section 5525A, 5525E, 5225B, 5225C, 5526B, 5526C 5526D and 5526E and 5530.

The amendment as amended received a second.

The Select Board did not support the amendment. The Planning Director spoke against the amendment.

The Moderator stated that the amendment as amended needed a majority vote and declared that the amendment to Article 28 was DEFEATED.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-33, Opposed-240

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required for the original motion; and held that Article 28 PASSED BY MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-225, Opposed-51

ARTICLE 29 – PURCHASE OF FIRE ENGINE

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words below:

Move to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$725,000, for the purchase or acquisition, and equipping of one Fire Engine/Pumper and associated equipment including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto.

Submitted by the Fire Department

(Majority vote required)

The motion received a second.

Fire Chief Timothy Choate presented the article.

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 29

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 29

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE(CIAC):
supports Article 29

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required and held that the motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THEN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-268, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 30 – AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words below:

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$500,000 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, to pay costs of purchasing and equipping an ambulance, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Submitted by Fire Chief Tim Choate

(Two-thirds vote required)

The motion received a second.

Fire Chief Tim Choate presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 30

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 30

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Supports Article 30

The Moderator confirmed a two-thirds vote was required and held that the motion PASSED BY MORE THEN TWO-THIRDS.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-270, Opposed-11

ARTICLE 31 – ROADS, CULVERTS, DRAINAGE, CONSULTANTS & CONSTRUCTION

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words below:

Move to appropriate \$950,000 for town wide (various locations) roads, culverts, and drains, repair, maintenance, replacement and construction, including all appurtenances thereto, and consultants necessary, with said amount being transferred from Free Cash.

Submitted by the Director of Public Works

(Majority vote required)

The motion received a second.

Director of Public Works Tina Rivera presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 31

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 31

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Supports Article 31

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 31 PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.
Electronic Vote: In Favor-263, Opposed-18

ARTICLE 32. DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW & SPREADER

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$146,000, for the purchase or acquisition and equipping of a new dump truck with plow and spreader for the Department of Public Works.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 33. 6-WHEEL DUMP TRUCK WITH SLIDE-IN SANDER

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$382,000, for the purchase or acquisition and equipping of a new 6-wheel dump truck with a slide-in sander for the Department of Public Works.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 34 – ATKINSON POOL RENOVATION: ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$959,000 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, to pay additional costs of replacing the existing roofing system, replacing pool mechanical equipment and associated piping, replacing the dive pool skimmers and associated piping, tile repair and re grouting at the Atkinson Pool including all incidental and related equipment and expenses, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Submitted by the Combined Facilities Director

(Two-thirds vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

The Combined Facilities Director presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 34
SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 34

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Supports Article 34.

The Moderator stated that a two-thirds vote was needed and declared that Article 34 *PASSED BY MORE THEN A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-209, Opposed-23

ARTICLE 35. DPW EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER COST SHARE

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts *moved* in the words below:

Move to appropriate \$125,000 for the purpose of designing the repair and/or replacement and equipping of the DPW Emergency Operations Center as printed in the warrant, with said amount being transferred from Free Cash. To be contributed to a FEMA earmark grant and expended under the direction of the Combined Facility Director for the purpose of designing the repair and/or replacement and equipping of the DPW Emergency Operations Center, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto.

Submitted by the Combined Facilities Director

(Majority Vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 35

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 35

CIAC: No Position

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required, and declared that Article 35 PASSED BY MORE THAN A MAJORITY
Electronic Vote: In Favor-185, Opposed-21

ARTICLE 36. SCHOOL CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move To appropriate the sum of \$100,000, to be raised by taxation and to be expended under the direction of the Sudbury Public School Department for the replacement of School Classroom Instructional Equipment in the Curtis Middle School, Haynes Elementary School, Loring Elementary School, Nixon Elementary School and Noyes Elementary School including incidental and related equipment and expenses associated therewith.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 37. ELA CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$250,720 for the purpose of implementing Expeditionary Learning, the ELA curriculum program recommended by the Elementary English Language Steering Committee to support the purchase of instructional materials, teacher manuals, student resources, professional development, funding for 6-8 grade study committee, and any other associated costs or expenses related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 38. HVAC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ENGINEERING STUDY

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$152,000, to be expended under the direction of the Sudbury Public School Department, to engage in an HVAC existing conditions comprehensive study at all Sudbury elementary and middle schools that will provide conceptual stretch code compliant equipment recommendations, conceptual sustainable/electrification recommendations, and associated cost estimates, as well as future required engineering fee budget estimates.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the *motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 39. FIRE ALARM, EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND BI-DIRECTIONAL AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM DESIGN FEES

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$190,000, to be expended under the direction of the Sudbury Public School Department, for the purpose of designing and cost estimating the fire alarm and emergency lighting system replacements at the Ephraim Curtis Middle School, Josiah Haynes and Israel Loring Elementary Schools and the design and cost estimating of installing bi-directional amplification systems for Peter Noyes and General John Nixon Elementary Schools.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote Required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the **motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 40. HAYNES ELEMENTARY ROOF REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR

Sudbury School Committee Chair Nicole Bernard **moved** in the words below:

Move to indefinitely postpone.

Submitted by the Sudbury School Committee (Majority vote required)
The **motion** received a second.

SELECT BOARD:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; the **motion** to Indefinitely Postpone Article 40 **PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-199, Opposed-3

ARTICLE 41 - NIXON ELEMENTARY ROOF REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR

Sudbury School Committee Chair Nicole Bernard **moved** in the words below:

Move to indefinitely postpone.

Submitted by the SPS School Committee (Majority Vote required)

The **motion** received a second.

SELECT BOARD:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 41 **PASSED BY MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-200, Opposed-2

ARTICLE 42 - SUDBURY 250th COMMITTEE FUNDS

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 to support the Sudbury 250 Committee in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the commencement of the American Revolution, which commemoration will extend not later than September 30, 2026, upon which date said Committee shall be dissolved.

Submitted by the Select Board

(Majority Vote required)

The motion received a second.

250th Committee Chair Radha Gargeya presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 42

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 42

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 42 PASSED BY MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-189, Opposed-12

ARTICLE 43 - FUNDING OF ACQUISITION OF MBTA BUILDINGS

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$100 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, for the purpose of funding the acquisition of MBTA real property with the buildings and improvements thereon, known as the Section Tool House and South Sudbury Train Station whether by purchase, lease or otherwise.

The motion received a second.

Submitted by the Town Manager

(Two-Thirds Vote required)

Town Manager Sheehan presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports Article 43

SELECT BOARD: Supports Article 43

The Moderator confirmed a two-thirds vote was required; and declared that Article 43 PASSED BY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-186, Opposed-14

At 10:30 PM, the Moderator motioned to adjourn Town Meeting and reconvene the meeting to May 7, 2025 at 7:30 PM in this Auditorium. The motion was seconded. The Moderator declared that the motion passed by more than a majority.

SUDBURY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 7, 2025

Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Select Board and a quorum being present on the third day of Annual Town Meeting Moderator Catharine Blake called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ARTICLE 44 - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND – FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CENTER and HASKELL FIELD LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for Open Space and Recreation purposes under the Community Preservation Act, funded from FY26 Estimated Annual Revenue, and then from CPA Fund Balance or reserves, if needed, to create a Landscape Master Plan (LMP) that will provide a broad framework for the long-term development of Haskell Field and the Fairbank Community Center grounds, and will include the installation of a multi-sport court and Pavilion.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee (Majority Vote required)

The motion received a second.

Community Preservation Committee Member Sherry Cline spoke to the mission of the CPC.

Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Supported Article 44, 7-2

SELECT BOARD:

Supported Article 44

CIAC:

Supported Article 44, 5-1

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 44 **PASSED WITH MORE THAN A MAJORITY**
Electronic Vote: In Favor-174, Opposed-28

ARTICLE 45. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND – RESTORING WATER QUALITY IN HOP BROOK

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move appropriate the sum of \$90,000 for Open Space and Recreation purposes under the Community Preservation Act from FY26 CPA Estimated Annual Revenue and then from the CPA Fund balance or reserves, if needed, as a grant to the Hop Brook Protection Association for the purpose of remediating/removing water chestnuts and other invasive species from the Hop Brook Pond system and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a grant agreement on such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

(Majority Vote Required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 46 - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND – SUDBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY ALLOCATION

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the following words:

To Indefinitely Postpone Article 46.

The motion received a second.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

(Majority Vote required)

Finance Committee: No position
Select Board: No position

Community Preservation Committee Member Sherry Cline explained that the article had to be postponed as architectural drawings were not completed at this time.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required for postponement; and such postponement of Article 46 PASSED WITH MORE THAN A MAJORITY.
Electronic Vote: In Favor-189, Opposed-15

ARTICLE 47 - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND – SUDBURY HOUSING TRUST ALLOCATION

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to appropriate the sum of \$690,000 for community housing purposes under the Community Preservation Act from FY26 CPA Estimated Annual Revenues and then from the CPA Fund Balance or reserves, if needed, to the Sudbury Housing Trust for the acquisition, creation, preservation, and support of community housing as permitted by the Community Preservation Act.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee (Majority Vote required)

The motion received a second.

State Representative Carmen Gentile presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supported Article 47

SELECT BOARD: Supported Article 47

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 47 PASSED BY MORE THAN A MAJORITY
Electronic Vote: In Favor-167, Opposed-33

ARTICLE 48 – COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND - HOSMER HOUSE COLLECTION

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to appropriate the sum of \$119,500 from the category of Historic Resources of the Community Preservation Act, funded from Historic Reserves, and then from FY26 Estimated Annual Revenue, and then from CPA Fund Balance or reserves, if needed, to preserve, protect and catalog the art and other documents in the Hosmer House.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee (Majority Vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

Chair of the Historical Commission Chris Hagger presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supported Article 48

SELECT BOARD: Supported Article 48

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 48 **PASSED WITH MORE THAN A MAJORITY**
Electronic Vote: In Favor-160, Opposed-23

**ARTICLE 49 - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND – HOSMER HOUSE
ENVELOPE, HEATING, VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING**

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to appropriate the sum of \$640,000 from the category of Historic Resources of the Community Preservation Act, funded from Historic Reserves, and then from FY26 Estimated Annual Revenue, and then from CPA Fund Balance or reserves, if needed, to replace the deteriorated wooden clapboards and trim, any rotten infrastructure, as well as the design and installation of a heating, ventilation & air conditioning system.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee (Majority Vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran presented the article.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supported Article 49, 6-3

SELECT BOARD: Supported Article 49, 4-1

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Supported Article 49

Select Board Vice-Chair Daniel Carty presented a minority report.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 49 **PASSED WITH MORE THAN A MAJORITY**
Electronic Vote: In Favor-170, Opposed-21

**ARTICLE 50 - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND – HOSMER HOUSE
WOODEN ROOF**

Select Board Chair Jennifer Roberts moved in the words of the article:

Move to appropriate the sum of \$386,000 from the category of Historic Resources of the Community Preservation Act, funded from Historic Reserves, and then from FY26 Estimated Annual Revenue, and then from CPA Fund Balance or reserves, if needed, to replace the currently failing asphalt roof on the Hosmer House with a historically accurate wooden roof.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee (Majority Vote required)

The motion received a second.

Combined Facilities Director Sandra Duran presented the article.

SELECT BOARD: Supported Article 50

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supported Article 50, 6-3

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Supported Article 50

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 50 **PASSED WITH WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY**
Electronic Vote: In Favor-175, Opposed-18

**ARTICLE 51. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND – REGIONAL
HOUSING SERVICES OFFICE (RHSO) MEMBERSHIP FEE**

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, moved in the words of the article:

Move to appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for Community Housing purposes under the Community Preservation Act, funded from FY26 CPA Estimated Annual Revenue and then from the CPA Fund Balance or reserves, if needed, for the purpose of supporting and creating community housing by funding of the Town's portion of the FY26 Regional Housing Services Office (RHSO) membership fee.

Submitted by the CPC (Majority Vote Required)

The motion received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the ***motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.***

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

**ARTICLE 52. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND –
REVERSION OF UNSPENT FUNDS**

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, ***moved*** in the words of the article:

Move to revert the unused funds from appropriations voted at prior Town Meetings for projects that have been completed and for which no liabilities remain outstanding or unpaid, into the Community Preservation Act general account as follows:

2023 ATM, Article 41 - Sudbury Housing Trust – Nobscot Allocation - \$425,345.85 to be reverted to the category of undesignated.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

(Majority Vote Required)

The ***motion*** received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the ***motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.***

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

**ARTICLE 53. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUND –
GENERAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

Select Board Chair, Jennifer Roberts, ***moved*** in the words of the article:

Move to appropriate the sums of money from Community Preservation Act Funds, funded from FY26 CPA Estimated Annual Revenue and then from the CPA Fund Balance or reserves, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the FY26 Community Preservation Act budget, including the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for FY26, amounts for payment of debt service on the Community Preservation Act projects previously appropriated by Town Meeting, and as may be needed to comply with General Laws Chapter 44B, Section 6 to reserve for future appropriation, amounts for open space, including land for recreational use, historic resources, and community housing as follows:

\$118,050 **Administrative and Operating Cost**

\$628,943 *Debt Service*

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

(Majority Vote Required)

The *motion* received a second.

SELECT BOARD: Supports the motion

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the motion

The Moderator stated a majority vote was required; and held that the *motion PASSED BY MORE THEN A MAJORITY.*

Electronic Vote: In Favor-236, Opposed-9

ARTICLE 54 – DECREASE CPA SURCHARGE

Sudbury Resident, Jean Nam *moved* in the words of the article:

Move to decrease the surcharge imposed under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44B, otherwise known as the Community Preservation Act, from 3%, as voted by the April 4, 2001 Annual Town Meeting, to 1 1/2%.

Submitted by a Citizen's Petition

(Majority Vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

The Petitioner Resident Jean Nam claimed that the CPA surcharge is currently a 3% surcharge on top of regular property taxes, generating approximately \$2.5 million annually for qualifying projects involving housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreation. The speaker argues that the program has significant oversight and accountability problems, noting that more than 50% of projects since 2021 have not completed required annual reports, more than \$4 million has been allocated to unfinished projects, and approximately \$6.9 million remains in reserves that cannot be used for projects such as sidewalks, pools, or turf fields. The proposal would reduce the surcharge from 3% to 1.5%, which the speaker believes would still provide sufficient funding for housing and historic preservation projects, meet existing debt obligations, and allow reserves to continue accumulating at a slower rate. The speaker concludes that reducing the surcharge would improve accountability while lowering residents' tax bills.

SELECT BOARD: Did not support Article 54, 0-4 with 1 abstention

The Select Board strongly urges Town Meeting to vote no. This is fiscally shortsighted and undermines the long-term financial strategy.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Did not support Article 54, 2-7

A majority of the Finance Committee believes that by cutting the CPA surcharge we're going to deprive town of a source of funds that can be used for important projects. It will only serve to limit revenue but not town needs.

The Community Preservation Committee, Park & Recreation Commission, Historical Society strongly opposed the Article. Several reports were presented against Article 54.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 54 WAS DEFEATED.

Electronic Vote: In Favor-32, Opposed-163

ARTICLE 55 – MEANS TESTED SENIOR TAX EXEMPTION AMENDMENT & SPECIAL ACT

Petitioner/Resident Ralph Tyler moved in the words of the motion below:

Move to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for a Special Act to amend Sudbury's Means Tested Senior Exemption, Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2012 as amended by Chapter 10 of the Acts of 2016 as follows:

Deleting SECTIONS 5, 6, and 8 and replacing them with the following:

SECTION 5. *This act may be restarted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special election at which the question of restarting is placed on the ballot by the Select Board. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and sections 7 and 8 shall take effect 30 days after an affirmative vote by the town.*

SECTION 6. *This act may be paused by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election at which the question of pausing is placed on the ballot by the Select Board. If paused by an election, it must be restarted by a subsequent regular or special election. Pausing of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and Sections 7 and 8 shall take effect 30 days after an affirmative vote by the town.*

SECTION 8. *Extending, Pausing, or Restarting the Exemption by Town Meeting (a) The Sudbury Town Meeting shall every 3 calendar years, provided that this act has not sooner paused pursuant to subsection (c), vote on the following question: "Shall an act passed in the general court in the year 2012 entitled, 'An act authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption' be extended for another 3 years?" (b) If any vote taken at Town Meeting pursuant to subsection (a) is in the affirmative then this act shall continue in effect.*

(c) If any vote taken at town meeting pursuant to subsection (a) is in the negative then this act shall be paused until such time as town meeting votes to restart it for another three-year term. (d) if paused this act may be restarted by a subsequent vote of town meeting on the

question as phrased in subsection (a) above using the words “restarted and extended” instead of the word “extended.”

Further provided, however, that the General Court shall be authorized to make changes and form to such bill without the prior approval of the Select Board and to authorize the Select Board to approve such changes as are within the general public purposes of the petition.

Submitted by a Citizen’s Petition

(Majority Vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

Petitioner/Resident Ralph Tyler presented the article.

SELECT BOARD:

Supported Article 55

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No position

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 54 *PASSED WITH MORE THAN A MAJORITY*
Electronic Vote: In Favor-129, Opposed-7

**ARTICLE 56 –10 YEAR PLAN TO FUND & CONSTRUCT WALKWAYS ALONG
SUDBURY’S MAIN THRU ROADS**

Petitioner/Resident Ralph Tyler moved in the words below:

Move to raise and appropriate the sum of 1% of real estate taxes to be raised over the next ten (10) years (approximately \$11.8 million) to be expended on the construction of new town walkways along Sudbury's major thru roads, connections to Sudbury rail trails, and public schools, either on the road's public right of ways, or on Easements granted to Sudbury on a voluntary basis, or on necessary easements acquired by the Select Board thru eminent domain; such sum to be spent as said 1% is raised during the next 10 years term to reduce the expense of said short term debt; Such sums to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, and for all incidental and related contract expenses, including but not limited to professional, design, engineering, and project management services, preparation of plans, specifications, and bidding documents, borrowing costs; and further, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the SELECT BOARD, to issue short term notes of the Town, as necessary, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority; and further, to authorize the Town Manager with the approval of the SELECT BOARD to enter into such contracts to carry out the purposes of said vote in accordance with any enabling authority; provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election of a Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, debt exclusion established by General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C, allowing Sudbury to raise a

1% surcharge on real estate taxes for the 10 fiscal years following approval of said debt exclusion.

Submitted by a Citizen's Petition

(Majority Vote required)

The *motion* received a second.

Petitioner/Resident presented the article.

SELECT BOARD:

Did not Support Article 56

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Did not Support Article 56, 9-0

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required; and declared that Article 56 **WAS DEFEATED.**

Electronic Vote: In Favor-30, Opposed-111

The Moderator *moved* to dissolve the 2025 Annual Town Meeting, the motion was made and received a second and **PASSED BY MORE THAN A MAJORITY.**
The 2025 Annual Town Meeting was dissolved at 10:32 pm on May 7, 2025.

ATTENDANCE: 182

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beth R. Klein".

SUDBURY TOWN CLERK

SUDBURY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DECEMBER 1, 2025

Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Select Board and a quorum being present, Catharine Blake, Moderator, at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The Moderator confirmed she had examined and found in order the Call of the Meeting and the Officer's Return of Service and confirmed the timely delivery of the Warrant to residents. She announced that the certified Free Cash, according to Town Accountant, is \$7,643,000 for the 2025 Special Town Meeting.

Upon a *motion*, which received a second, it was *UNANIMOUSLY VOTED* to dispense with the Reading of the Call of the Meeting, and the Officer's Return of Service Notice and the reading of the individual Articles of the Warrant. The Moderator explained that voting at Town Meeting would be conducted by electronic voting and explained how to use the electronic clickers.

MODERATORS

The Moderator asked for a motion, which was made and received a second, for the Hall's approval to appoint Sudbury resident Nell Forgacs as Assistant Town Moderator for the December 1, 2025 Special Town Meeting, which required a majority vote, and was *UNANIMOUSLY VOTED*.

The Moderator thanked BSA Sudbury Scouts Troop #65 for their assistance with manning the microphones during Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1. HAYNES ELEMENTARY ROOF REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR

Select Board Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian, *moved* in the words below:

That the Town appropriate the amount of Seven Million Eight-Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$7,821,563) for the purpose of paying costs of the replacement and repair of the Josiah Haynes Elementary School roof system located at 169 Haynes Road, Sudbury, MA 01776, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town has applied for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of Sudbury School Committee; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the

limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

Submitted by the Combined Facilities Director

(Two-thirds vote required)

The **motion** received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the Article

SELECT BOARD: Supports the Article

Jean Nam, 81 New Bridge Rd., moved to Indefinitely Postpone Article 1. The motion was seconded.

The Moderator stated that the motion to Indefinitely Postpone requires a majority vote and declared that the Motion **FAILED**

Electronic Vote: 15 In favor, 157 Opposed

The Moderator declared that they would vote on the original Motion.

The Moderator confirmed a Two-thirds vote was required and declared that the **Motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS.**

Electronic Vote: 151 In favor, 14 Opposed

ARTICLE 2. NIXON ELEMENTARY ROOF REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR

Select Board Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian, **moved** in the words below:

To appropriate the amount of Four Million Sixty-Four Thousand Eight-Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$4,064,845) for the purpose of paying costs of the replacement and repair of the General John Nixon Elementary Roof system located at 472 Concord Road, Sudbury, MA 01776, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town has applied for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of Sudbury School Committee; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an

affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

Submitted by the Combined Facilities Director

(Two-thirds vote required)

The motion received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports the Article

SELECT BOARD: Supports the Article

The Moderator confirmed a Two-thirds vote was required and declared that the Motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS

Electronic Vote: 155 In favor, 16 Opposed

ARTICLE 3. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE EPRAIM CURTIS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLAR CANOPY

Select Board Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian, moved in the words below:

Move To Indefinitely Postpone

Submitted by the Combined Facilities Director

(Majority vote required)

The motion received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Position

SELECT BOARD: Supports the Motion

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required and that the Motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: 149 In favor, 11 Opposed

ARTICLE 4. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE POLICE STATION SOLAR CANOPY

Select Board Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian, moved in the words below:

Move To Indefinitely Postpone

Submitted by the Combined Facilities Director (Majority vote required)

The motion received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Position

SELECT BOARD: Supports Motion

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required and held that the Motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: 143 In favor, 11 Opposed

ARTICLE 5. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE HASKELL FIELD SOLAR CANOPY

Select Board Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian, moved in the words below:

Move to Indefinitely Postpone

Submitted by the Combined Facilities Director (Majority vote required)

The motion received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Position

SELECT BOARD: Supports Motion

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required and held that the Motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: 147 In favor, 9 Opposed

ARTICLE 6. ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 138, SECTION 12D

Select Board Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian, moved in the words of the article:

To accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 138, section 12D which allows the Select Board to allow on-premises wine and malt beverages license holders to trade in their license for a non-transferable on-premises all alcoholic beverages license;

Submitted by the Town Manager (Majority vote required)

The motion received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Position

SELECT BOARD: Supports the Article

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required and held that the Motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: 136 In favor, 10 Opposed

ARTICLE 7. ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 138, SECTION 33B

Select Board Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian, moved in the words of the article:

To accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 138, section 33B which allows the Select Board to authorize on-premises licensees to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May, and on Christmas day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday.

Submitted by the Town Manager

(Majority vote required)

The motion received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No Position

SELECT BOARD: Supports the Article

Point of Order was raised that the motion refers to section 33D, but the warrant states section was 33B.

A friendly motion was made to withdraw original motion and change it to MGL Chapter 138, Section 33B. The motion was seconded and passed UNANIMOUSLY.

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required and held that the amended Motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: 136 In favor, 7 Opposed

ARTICLE 8. INCREASE IN DEMAND FEE FOR DELINQUENT TAX BILLS

Select Board Chair Lisa Kouchakdjian, moved in the words of the article:

Move that the Town vote to increase the demand fee for delinquent real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise tax bills from \$10.00 to \$20.00, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15(2).

Submitted by the Finance Director

(Majority vote required)

The motion received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Supports

SELECT BOARD: Supports

The Moderator confirmed a majority vote was required and held that the Motion PASSED BY WELL MORE THAN A MAJORITY.

Electronic Vote: 100 In favor, 54 Opposed

ARTICLE 9. CITIZENS' PETITION: 10 YEAR PLAN TO FUND & CONSTRUCT WALKWAYS ALONG SUDBURY'S BUSY MAIN RESIDENTIAL THRU ROADS

Sudbury Resident Ralph Tyler, moved in the words below:

*To appropriate the sum of \$11.8 million to be expended on the construction of new town walkways along: Sudbury's major thru roads adjacent to residentially zoned land, First by providing connections from neighborhoods to Sudbury's rail trails, public schools, parks, conservation land, and to other neighborhoods, either on the road's public right of way, or on other town land and Second, if funding remains, to maintain or improve existing residential walkways; such sum to be spent during the next 10 years;
Such sums to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, and for all incidental and related contract expenses, including but not limited to professional, design, engineering, and project management services, preparation of plans, specifications, bidding documents, borrowing costs,; and further, to meet this appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow such amounts in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority,; and further, to authorize the Town Manager with the approval of the Select Board to enter into such contracts to carry out the purposes of said vote in accordance with any enabling authority; provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election of a Proposition 2 ½, so-called, debt exclusion established by General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C.*

Submitted by Petitioner

(Two-thirds vote required)

The motion received a second.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Does not support

SELECT BOARD: Does not support

The Moderator confirmed a Two-thirds vote was required and held that the Motion FAILED

Electronic Vote: 64 In favor, 86 Opposed

Moderator Blake thanked town staff for their hard work organizing Town Meeting.

The Moderator asked for a motion to dissolve the Sudbury Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and the December 1, 2025 Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:41PM.

ATTENDANCE: 171

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beth R. Klein".

SUDBURY TOWN CLERK