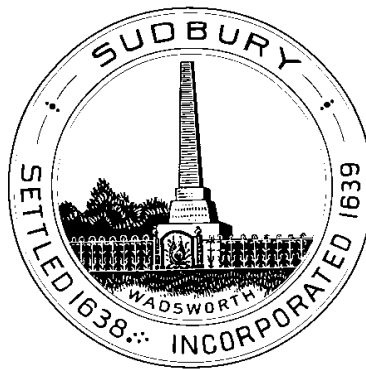


**TOWN OF SUDBURY
MASSACHUSETTS**

OFFICIAL WARRANT



SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

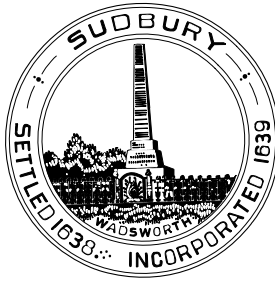
Precincts 1, 2, and 5

Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road

Precincts 3 and 4

Sudbury Town Hall, 322 Concord Road

Polls Open – 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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To the Constable of the Town of Sudbury:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sudbury qualified to vote in Town affairs to vote in Town Elections that voters residing in Precincts 1, 2 and 5 should meet at the Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road, and voters residing in Precincts 3 and 4 should meet at the Town Hall, 322 Concord Road, in said Town on

**Tuesday, May 11, 2010
from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Town Election on the following question:

Ballot Question

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$1,199,725 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding \$556,993 in operating expenses for the Sudbury Public Schools, \$324,954 in operating expenses for the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional District High School, \$8,500 for Excess & Deficiency (Stabilization Fund) for the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional District High School, \$259,278 in operating expenses for other Town departments, and \$50,000 for the Town's Stabilization Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and ten?

YES

NO

SUMMARY:

At the Annual Town Meeting of April 5, 2010, Town Meeting passed an override budget presented by the Finance Committee. The override budget voted exceeds the Proposition 2 ½ levy limit by \$1,199,725; therefore, approval of the override amount must be submitted as a ballot question at a Town Election. An override in the amount of \$1,199,725 is being requested to fund operating expenses of the Sudbury (K-8) and L-S Regional schools and other Town departments, including \$50,000 for the Town to increase the Town's Stabilization Fund and \$8,500 for the L-S Excess & Deficiency Fund (Stabilization Fund).

Estimated impact on the tax rate: \$0.294 per \$1,000 assessed value. Tax impact on a \$650,400 home is estimated at \$191.

A “yes” vote on this question will approve the Override not to exceed \$1,199,725 as voted at Town Meeting under Article 4, thereby authorizing the Town to increase taxes for FY2011 by an amount to provide funding of \$556,993 for the Sudbury Public Schools, \$324,954 for the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School (LSRHS), \$259,278 for other Town departments, \$8,500 for LSRHS E&D Fund, and \$50,000 for the Town’s Stabilization Fund under Article 3 of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, creating a permanent increase in the levy limit; and a “no” vote on this question means the levy limit will not be increased, thus not providing the additional funding for these budgets and Stabilization Funds.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE:

A significant reduction in non-tax revenues due to the on-going recession has created a \$1,199,725 gap between available revenues and the Finance Committee recommended FY11 budget growth of 2.75% for the Town and schools. This follows budgets for each of the last two years that has resulted in full time equivalent (FTE) job losses: 29 for SPS, 13.5 for L-S, and 9 for the Town. Without the override, budgets could only grow 1.12% and would require the following:

- SPS will cut \$669,491 from its current staffing-service budget. 7.5 FTE positions will be cut including 4.5 FTE classroom teachers affecting all schools, resulting in class sizes of 26-29 in elementary schools and more classes over 30 in the middle school. One middle school house administrator will also be cut affecting staff and student supervision levels, anti-bullying initiatives and responsiveness to parents. Also cut will be \$281,000 in technology/supplies/materials budget.
- L-S will cut \$386,319 from the level-staff operating budget, resulting in the loss of 3.7 teachers and 1.0 support staff. Though final decisions haven’t been made, the 3.7 teacher reduction would be comprised of a .5 FTE from each department: English, History, Language, Math, and Science; and a 1.2 FTE reduction from the combined departments of SPED, FATA (arts), and Wellness, further compromising learning and teaching at L-S.
- The Town will cut \$260,129 from the FinCom recommended 2.75% budget increase, reducing services across all departments. Most dramatically affected will be Public Works, Police and Technology Departments and Goodnow Library.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

Although overrides were avoided in the past two years, overrides were approved for FY06 (\$3,050,000) and FY08 (\$2,519,400), totaling \$5,569,400. Now for FY11 we are being asked to add another \$1,199,725, to this permanent increase in the levy limit. These amounts are built into our tax levy while we continue taxing to the Proposition 2 ½ limit. The increased taxes will put a strain on many families and may affect the ability of some to keep their homes in Sudbury.

Hereof fail not and make due return by your doing thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of April, 2010.

SELECTMEN OF SUBURY

William J. Keller, Jr.

John C. Drobinski

Lawrence W. O’Brien

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