

TOWN OF SUDBURY

Town Manager Newsletter

October 2014

Message from the Town Manager

Greetings! The trees have shown us their beautiful orange, red and yellow colors again, signifying one of the most glorious things about New England. I had family members visiting from California over the Columbus Day weekend, and just listening to their “oohs and aahs” over the foliage and the beauty of Sudbury and the rest of Massachusetts and Vermont was very gratifying. October is indeed one of the best months to enjoy.

In the municipal calendar, it’s a month of “getting ready”. In the DPW we are preparing for winter by ordering all the sand and salt, signing contracts with the additional snow plow drivers we need to supplement our own DPW workers and making sure all the trucks are ready with their plows, sanders and other equipment.

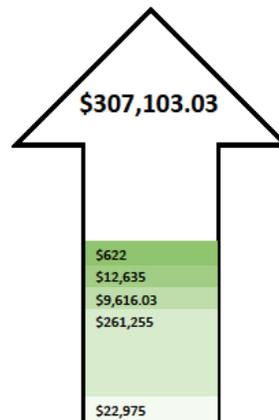
In the Finance Department, the Finance Director has developed projections of revenues for Fiscal Year 2016 for the Finance Committee (we are currently in Fiscal Year 2015) so they can begin to develop budget guidelines to give to me, each of the two school systems and the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC). From there, we will start developing our budget requests. For the Assessing Division of the Finance Department, it means working with the state Department of Revenue to get all the mass appraisal data compiled for setting the tax rate for FY15. The Board of Selectmen have scheduled the classification hearing for November 18th, where they will determine how much of the tax levy should be borne by the commercial component of the tax base, and how much by the residential sector.

And everyone is preparing for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 3rd and a Special Town Election to be held on Tuesday December 9th. More information on this is found in other articles in this newsletter, but staff in my office will be working on the details for these events. Please put the dates on your calendar.

Sincerely, Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager

Grants & Gifts Accepted by the Board of Selectmen FY15

Shown by amount of acceptance per meeting





From the Selectmen's Office

The Board voted to call a Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, December 3, 2014 to consider the following two questions. First, will the Town vote to appropriate funds to purchase the Johnson Farm property on Landham Road, which was offered to the Town and would, if approved, require a majority ballot vote at a Special Town Election, scheduled for December 9. The Board agreed with the seller on an asking price of \$2.9 million for the +/- 33 acres of land, which has been on the Town's Open Space list for many years. Please see the press release from the Board of Selectmen on the Johnson Farm Purchase at the end of this newsletter.

Additionally, the Sudbury School Committee has submitted an article asking for \$1.09 million be appropriated to replace a failing roof and deteriorated windows and doors at the Nixon Elementary School. The Town is eligible for a 37% grant to offset as much as \$403,300 of the total costs if the Town approves this project at the Town Meeting and at the Special Election. More information on these projects can be found on the Town's website and will be in a warrant mailed to all households in Sudbury around November 19th.

The Board had three sessions in October as they continue to put in significant time into moving forward on their goals. Interviewing candidates for Town Counsel was a major agenda item, and after interviewing four legal firms, the Board voted to appoint the law firm of Petrini & Associates of Framingham (lead attorney Barbara Saint Andre) as the Town's Attorney as of January 1, 2015, succeeding long time Town Counsel Paul Kenny, who is retiring after 38 years serving Sudbury. Complaints of Open Meeting law violations by the Board of Selectmen were received from several residents, and the Board voted by a 3 to 2 margin to have Town Counsel handle the complaints and make responses to the residents and to the Attorney General's office. As of the writing of this newsletter, the AG's office has not ruled on the complaints.

Other items decided by the Board: approved the signing of a contract with an engineering firm to begin design work on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, thanked the 375th Committee for all the work and wonderful events that celebrated the 375th birthday of Sudbury, received the annual report of the Sudbury Access Corporation, met with residents of Dudley Road to discuss a No Left Turn sign and a request to remove the sign (no vote on the request was taken at the meeting) and voted to recommend Dave Manjarrez for appointment to the Minuteman Regional Vocational High Building Committee. Mr. Manjarrez is currently Sudbury's member of the Minuteman School Committee.

On October 28, the Board of Selectmen held an informal discussion with Buddy Dog, the Sudbury organization which shelters and places pets for adoption. Buddy Dog has purchased a parcel of land adjacent to the Martha and Mary Chapel/Wayside Inn, and many neighbors in this area have expressed concern about this plan. The Board of Selectmen have not received any applications for site plan approval or any action from Buddy Dog, but scheduled this discussion at the request of residents who expressed concern to the Board, so they can learn more about Buddy Dog's plans. Several residents spoke on behalf of the larger group about their strong disapproval of the Buddy Dog plans and indicated they are willing to work with Buddy Dog to try to create alternatives to moving their shelter to Wayside Inn Road.

The Board of Selectmen hosted the Town's second annual Town Forum on October 23. A bylaw enacted in 2012 requires this annual Forum, and Board Vice-Chair Pat Brown took responsibility for organizing the Forum on behalf of the Board. The Forum was held in the Lower Town Hall and Board members presented information on five topics: the Minuteman Vocational Regional High School; bringing sewer services to the Route 20 area; Land Acquisition; Affordable Housing; and Finance and Capital planning.



And, as always, the Board made a number of votes which included approving appointments, licenses, easements, and contracts. For more information on any of these, please see the Board's agenda listing these items.

Please note: the brief description of the Board meeting found here are only designed to give a quick snapshot of those agenda items that received the most time at the Board meetings. They are not meant to be exhaustive on materials received by the Board or all comments on agenda items. For a complete understanding of the items at each Board meeting, please go to www.SudburyTV.org for a replay of the meeting or review the minutes of Board meetings, found on the Town's web site.

Sincerely, Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager

Assessors Department

Current Developments in Municipal Law

I attended an informative seminar on October 2nd presented by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue-Division of Local Services-Municipal Finance Bureau. The program highlighted 2014 legislative updates. Many of the recently enacted legislative updates are of interest to municipal assessing personnel, and have to do with programs we work with on a regular basis.

Chapter 62 of the Acts of 2014 provides technical modifications to some existing exemption programs. It also requires that a veteran exemption study be conducted by Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) to consider the creation of a sliding scale for exemptions granted to veterans based on a percentage of the disability rating of the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. We anxiously await the results of this study, as it has been a number of years since any modifications have been made to the currently available benefits (see §35 below).

Following are excerpts are from "Current Developments in Municipal Law" seminar presented October 2, 2014 in Randolph MA.

CHAPTER 62 - VETERAN AND OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS

Effective July 2, 2014, unless otherwise noted

§§ 9, 11, 12 and 13 Paraplegic Veterans Exemption. *Applies for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2015.* Codifies the full exemption from property taxes on the domiciles of paraplegic veterans as Clause 22F of G.L. c. 59, § 5. Assessors now grant these veterans exemptions under G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 22(a) as veterans with minimum 10% disability ratings and then obtain authority from the Department of Revenue (DOR) to abate the balances owed under G.L. c. 58, § 8. See G.L. c. 58, § 8A repealed by Section 9 of the Act. Beginning in fiscal year 2016, the assessors will grant the full exemption under the new Clause 22F instead. A paraplegic veteran's surviving spouse remains eligible for the full exemption under the new Clause 22F, which will also apply to the veteran's spouse where ownership of the domicile is held by the spouse during the veteran's lifetime. There is no change in the state reimbursement to cities and towns. The municipality funds the first \$175 of the exempted tax and the state reimburses the balance.



§§ 10 and 16 Personal Exemptions. Amends the introductory paragraph of G.L. c. 59, § 5 and G.L. c. 59, § 59 to include several new personal exemption clauses enacted in recent years in order to ensure uniformity in the administration of personal exemptions. Specifically, the amendments ensure that all personal exemption applications will be due December 15 or three months after the actual tax bills are mailed, whichever is later, and that all taxpayers who receive a personal exemption receive one exemption on the property with the exception of a Clause 18 hardship exemption or Clause 45 exemption for solar or wind-powered improvements to the property.

§§ 14 and 27 Optional Additional Exemption. *Applies for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2015.* Codifies the so-called “optional additional exemption” that was enacted in 1986 when communities were completing their first revaluations in many years. St. 1986, c. 73, § 4. In communities that accept that local option, the legislative body may vote annually to give taxpayers receiving the personal exemption clauses listed in the statute an additional exemption of up to 100 per cent of the exemption amount, provided the taxpayers do not pay less in taxes than paid in the previous year. Beginning in fiscal year 2016, however, the exemption will be granted under a new section 5C½ of G.L. c. 59. Upon acceptance, the legislative body must vote the exemption percentage by the July 1 beginning of the fiscal year it will apply. The personal exemption clauses listed in the new optional additional exemption statute have been updated to include those enacted since 1986.

§ 15 Veteran Work-off Abatement. Amends G.L. c. 59, § 5N, which if accepted, allows cities and towns to create work-off abatement programs for veterans similar to those established for seniors (60 and older) under local acceptance G.L. c. 59, § 5K. The amendment makes the spouses of veterans who have service-connected disabilities, or the surviving spouses of deceased veterans, eligible to participate in the program.

§ 35 Veteran Exemption Study. Requires the Department of Veterans’ Services (DVS) to study the creation of a sliding scale for the exemptions granted veterans based on a percentage of the disability rating of the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. The DVS is to consult with the DOR and report its findings and any proposed legislation to the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs and the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees by November 1, 2014.

Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014 §§ 91-94 Motor Vehicle Excise Exemptions for Individuals. *Applies for excise calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2015.* Amends G.L. c. 60A, § 1 to extend the exemption from the motor vehicle excise that certain disabled veterans, disabled non-veterans, former prisoners of war and domiciliary service members may receive for excises assessed for vehicles they own and register to the excise assessed to leasing companies on vehicles they lease.

Submitted by: Cynthia Gerry, Director of Assessing



Conservation Department

The Conservation Department welcomed Debbie Howell as the Part Time Technical Assistant. She is currently involved in site inspections and serves as the Conservation Coordinator's assistant in all areas of office duties and Wetland Administration.

Temporary Part Time Assistant Kirsten Roopenian has joined the office, and has been reviewing and updating the filing systems, streamlining reporting processes, and bringing as much information to the residents as possible through the Town website. She is developing reporting systems so that the Conservation Department may review applicant files more efficiently and quickly.

The Conservation Office participated in the 375th field day events in September, and received many interested residents at the booth. The information available is also available at our office, and will soon be available on the Conservation Commission portion of the Town website. Please feel free to visit and/or give us a call. We love questions.



Shown Left: Commissioners Charlie Russo and Tom Friedlander having fun at the Sudbury 375th Fair on September 6, 2014.

The Bowhunting program has accepted 3 new Bowhunters to the program for a total of 25 bow hunters in 2014. The program is designed to manage the white-tail deer population on conservation land for the purpose of overall habitat management.

The Commission has been holding hearings over the summer months. They have granted 8 Certificates of Compliance, and issued Orders of Conditions for 7 large projects including the Town Center Reconstruction, removal of contamination remediation equipment in the wetland behind CVS, new gas main installation in Boston Post Road by National Grid, construction of the new walkway section on Powder Mill Rd., and DPW road and drainage maintenance. Residents should be aware of any work being done in an area of Wetlands may be subject to review by the Commission. Please visit our website for further information.

Submitted by: Debbie Dineen, Conservation Coordinator



Department of Public Works

A new cardboard compactor (below) was installed at the Transfer Station. The previous compactor was on loan by a contractor and the Town received no revenue from the recycled cardboard.



Two trash compacting units have been delivered but have yet to be installed and will be featured at the next newsletter.

Cost for the three units is \$88,714.00, which is \$33,286 less than the estimate. Funding for these units came from transfer station enterprise fund retained earnings.

Powdermill Road walkway (shown below) is progressing. The walkway has been paved from North Road to Singing Hill Road and the retaining wall north of Tavern Circle is fifty percent complete.





The Stormwater Detention basin next to Grinnell Park is complete. The basin has been designed to control the rate and volume of stormwater runoff from the Sudbury center Improvement Project.

Submitted by: I. William Place, P.E./Director of Public Works/Town Engineer



Facilities Department

Believe it or not, we are starting construction on our new Police Station at 75 Hudson Road! Please join us in the groundbreaking celebration on October 31st at 10AM. Everyone in Town has put in a tremendous effort to bring this project along to this point, and we should take a few minutes to recognize the efforts and cheer on its success going forward.

Construction on the new Police Station began on October 19 and will continue for the next 13 months.

Submitted by: Jim Kelly, Combined Facilities Director

Police Headquarters Groundbreaking



Please join the Board of Selectmen
and the
Permanent Building Committee
as we celebrate the groundbreaking of the new
Police Headquarters to be located at
75 Hudson Road, Sudbury

Friday, October 31, 2014
(rain or shine)

10:00 AM

Parking available at the Fire Station



Public Safety

Fire Department

As many of you of read or saw on the television news, the Sudbury Fire Department responded to a call for multiple cars on fire at the Herb Chambers Jaguar/Land Rover dealership in the early morning hours of September 22, 2014. Under the direction of Captain Stephen Glidden, arriving fire crews did an excellent job of getting the apparatus hooked into a hydrant and extinguishing the stubborn fire in the rear of the dealership parking lot. Although many in the news media directed their questions toward a suspicious cause, the subsequent investigation headed by the office of State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan did not find any evidence to support that theory. By contrast, the investigation focused on an electrical or mechanical malfunction in a single 2004 Jaguar XJ8 at the dealership for repairs. Due to the severe damage to that vehicle, making an exact determination was quite difficult. The cause was officially listed as undetermined.



As part of Fire Prevention Week the Sudbury Fire and Police Departments hosted their Annual Public Safety Open House at Fire Headquarters on October 4, 2014. Visitors were able to tour the firehouse, look at fire apparatus, and ask questions of firefighters and police officers. Sudbury Firefighters also demonstrated vehicle extrication techniques with the “Jaws of Life” tool.

In addition to planning the open house, Fire Prevention Officer Lieutenant Kevin Cutler has begun work with the Senior SAFE Program. This program was recently created by the Legislature, and builds on the successful 19 years of the school based Student Awareness of Fire Education initiative. Since inception, the existing SAFE program has reduced average annual child fire deaths in Massachusetts by 72 per cent. The fire service hopes to have similar results by educating older adults about the fire and burn risks associated with cooking, smoking, home oxygen, and electrical and heating dangers. Home safety visits are being scheduled through the Sudbury Senior Center that may include the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, testing and replacing batteries in these devices, and other interventions that could reduce hazards in the home.

In addition to my writings about present day happenings, I thought I might look back to see how a small piece of Sudbury Fire Department history was shaped. If you have driven by the Wayside Inn in South Sudbury lately, you will notice that the Inn and the barn across the street are wearing a fresh coat of paint. Along with the kind of maintenance that is obvious to a passerby, there is a lot of other attention paid to safety systems behind the scenes at the Inn. And much of that attention is a result of two significant fires that occurred in the Inn’s recent past.



Today we take automatic fire alarm systems, fire hydrants, fire sprinklers, up to date fire apparatus, and at the ready full time fire departments for granted. But on the frigid evening of December 21, 1955, none of those were present at or around the Wayside Inn. On that night, after the last of the guests had left following a wedding reception, night watchman Bill Mann was making his rounds and smelled smoke. Investigating further, he opened the door to the boiler room and a puff of smoke billowed out. Mann slammed the door, ran to the front desk of the old bar room, and phoned Assistant Director George Griffin who was asleep in the Coach House across the

street. Griffin told Bill Mann to notify Innkeeper John Saint, then called the Fire Department. The fire has already made enough headway to be noticed by a truck driver on nearby Route 20 who saw flames through the trees and flagged down a Marlborough police cruiser who relayed yet another call to the Sudbury Fire Department.

Leo Quinn, who aside from Fire Chief Albert St. Germain was Sudbury's only permanent fire fighter, took the calls. Leo lived in the Loring Parsonage, right next to the fire station under Town Hall. After relaying the call by radio monitor to Sudbury's 20 call fire fighters, Quinn responded alone in a 1942 fire engine equipped with 500 gallons of water. Hearing reports of an extensive fire from on scene Police Sergeant Ernest Ryan, Chief St. Germain immediately radioed for a second alarm, calling in help from surrounding towns. Arriving a few minutes later and seeing the entire second floor of the north wing engulfed in fire and flames spreading to the kitchen, the Chief radioed for a third alarm.



In 1955 there were no hydrants in front of the Inn, the closest ones were more than a mile to the east on the Post Road at Ecke's Motel. Fire crews were forced to chop holes in the sixteen inch deep ice in Josephine Pond behind the Inn to establish a water supply. Temperatures estimated at minus 16 degrees made pumping water through the hose lines extremely difficult. A pressure gauge on a Wayland pumper froze, allowing a 1 ½ inch hand line to over pressure causing two Wayland fire fighters to lose their footing in the slippery conditions. One suffered a broken leg and was transported to Leonard Morse Hospital in Natick. While shutting down Sudbury Engine 1 to add another hose line, firefighters found the pump had frozen. When the truck was put into gear again, the pump seized, rendering it useless.



Despite the difficult conditions, the fire was brought under control at about 4:00 am, but not before the Wayside Inn was nearly destroyed. When the sun rose and Chief St. Germain was able to get a close look at the damage, he declared the Inn a total loss and set the initial damage estimate at \$ 200,000, excluding the loss of priceless antique items. A subsequent investigation found that the fire started near an unlined chimney, where it burned undetected before night watchman Bill Mann discovered it on his rounds.

In the next few editions of this newsletter, I will cover how the Wayside Inn would rebuild, the

effects on the Sudbury Fire Department, and yet another fire still to come at the old Inn.

Information was taken from the November/December 1994 NFPA Journal and The Story of the Wayside Inn by Curtis Garfield and Alison Ridley.

Submitted by: Bill Miles, Fire Chief

Police Department

Two new dispatchers began the Public Safety Communications Academy on October 6th. This is a five week, 40 hour curriculum covering a number of topics mandated by the state. Following which they will attend additional training in Emergency Medical Dispatch as well as department policies/procedures before they are assume their assigned shifts.

With the assistance of the Northport Florida Police Department, two subjects were arrested as fugitives from justice as the result of arrest warrants obtained by Sudbury Detectives. They were held by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department awaiting the arrival of detectives. The male party was transported back to Massachusetts for arraignment on numerous charges to include larceny in excess of \$10,000.

With Halloween approaching, we would like to remind parents, children and motorists to be safe. Please click the image at right or visit: https://sudbury.ma.us/police/?attachment_id=391 to see the Halloween Safety for Families brochure provided as a courtesy by Protect America.

A federal grant has been obtained in excess of \$5,000 for the purchase of body armor for Sudbury officers. A state grant is being sought as well for the remaining funds needed.

Submitted by: Scott Nix, Police Chief





Town Clerk

State Election: November 4

On Tuesday, November 4, voters from all precincts will come to the polls to cast their votes for the State election. Polls open on Election Day at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Precincts 1, 1A, 2 & 5 vote at the Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road. Precincts 3 & 4 vote at the Town Hall, 322 Concord Road.

If a voter is unsure of where to vote, please visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's helpful online tool, [Where Do I Vote](#), or contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Specimen Ballots for each precinct are available to view online at our [website](#) or in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

On Election Day, voters are encouraged to allow themselves extra time to navigate any additional traffic on the roads in relation to road projects, such as the exciting Town Center Intersection Project, as well as traffic within the polling locations, since we expect a very high turnout at this election. There will be a dedicated crew of excellent election workers who will be at the polls to assist voters throughout the process.

Absentee Ballots

There are three reasons a registered voter may choose to vote by absentee ballot:

1. Absence from your city or town during normal polling hours; or
2. Physical disability preventing you from going to the polling place; or
3. Religious belief

If any of these reasons apply, a voter may complete an [Absentee Ballot Application](#) and vote in the Town Clerk's Office or via mail. An immediate family member may fill out a [different application](#) on behalf of a voter and the ballot will then be mailed to the voter. For the next election, applications for Absentee Ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 3. For more information, please see [Absentee Ballot Applications](#).

Election Results

To see how Sudbury has voted after the election, please visit our [website](#) for the election results. Results are posted as soon as possible after the polls close on election night.

Upcoming Elections

There will be a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, and a Special Town Election on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. In order to fully participate in either of these, residents must be registered to vote before specific deadlines. The deadline for qualified voters to register to vote or make changes to an existing voter registration is 20 days prior to an election and 10 days prior to a special town meeting. The Town Clerk's Office will offer extended hours (9AM-8PM) on the each of the last days to register.



2014 Voter Registration Dates: Office Open 9AM-8PM

Election Type	Election Date	Voter Registration Deadline
Special Town Meeting	12/3/2014	11/21/2014
Special Town Election	12/9/2014	11/19/2014

Submitted by Veronica W. Craven, Assistant Town Clerk

▶ **Volunteer Opportunities** ◀

Looking for a way to get more involved in the community? The Town Committees listed below are looking for volunteers.

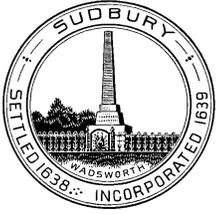
To learn more about the invaluable work of these committees, please contact them directly or stop by an upcoming meeting. General information and meeting times can be found on the town website.

- ▶ Commission on Disability
- ▶ Conservation Commission
- ▶ Earth Removal Board
- ▶ Fairbank Community Center Study Task Force
- ▶ Local Emergency Planning Committee
- ▶ Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee
- ▶ Melone Property Redevelopment Advisory Committee
- ▶ Memorial Day Committee
- ▶ Planning Board
- ▶ Route 20 Sewer Citizens Advisory Committee
- ▶ Strategic Financial Planning for Capital Funding Committee
- ▶ Sudbury Housing Trust
- ▶ Zoning Board of Appeals



Ready to apply? The committee application form is available at:

http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/Selectmen/doc361/Blankapplicationforappointment_v4.



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For Immediate Release

10/28/2014

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached between the Town and the owner of the Johnson Farm property to sell approximately 33 acres of the property to the Town for conservation and passive recreation purposes. The agreed upon price is \$2.9 million. Under the terms of the sale the owner will retain two one-acre lots along the Landham Road frontage for the construction of single family dwellings, and a 20-foot wide access to the rear of the parcel located along the northern property boundary will be reserved for public use. There will be restrictions on the two lots so that they can only be developed as single family homes. By separating out the two front lots the Town is able to bring down the purchase price for the remaining 33 acres that are the most attractive for preservation and recreation.

Purchase and preservation of this property will eliminate the threat of development as previously proposed, and will end all litigation between the Town and the developer on the property. The property contains significant wetlands, vernal pools and streams and contributes groundwater to the Town's drinking water supply wells. It abuts other permanently protected lands to the west, and forms a large wildlife corridor of over 200 acres. The property is listed as a priority parcel for preservation in the 2009 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Town had previously tried to purchase the land in 2007. While that effort was unsuccessful, its importance to the Town for natural resource protection has not changed.

The Board of Selectmen is also mindful of the impact of other recent dense developments very close by to this same neighborhood, including the Coolidge at Sudbury and the Landham Crossing developments, as well as other subdivisions and senior housing developments which have been constructed in South Sudbury over the last 10 years. Protecting this parcel will relieve some of the pressure from these recent developments on the Loring School and the local roads.

The Board is recommending that three funding sources be utilized for the purchase: \$1 million in CPA funds, \$1.9 million in a debt exemption, and private fundraising which will be put towards and used to reduce the debt exemption portion. The Board reviewed our Community Preservation fund in the context of this project and other projects in the pipeline, and felt that the funding of this project should not be 100% CPA funds. Doing so would effectively leave no debt capacity in the CPA for 4-5 years and thus leave no ability to act on unknown but possibly very important other projects that might become available in the future. Dividing the funding sources therefore seemed to be the most logical solution. It will ensure that this project is viewed positively by the entire Town, and not just the South Sudbury neighborhoods, as the debt exemption portion of the funding will require a ballot vote.

The Board will be submitting an article at the December 3rd Special Town Meeting for the funding for this proposal, as well as placing the question on the December 9th ballot. The Board will also submit a request for CPA funding to the Community Preservation Committee with a request that they approve the \$1 million request and also submit an article to the Special Town Meeting.