

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014

Present: Vice Chairman Patricia A. Brown, Selectman Lawrence W. O'Brien, Selectman Robert C. Haarde, and Town Manager Maureen G. Valente.

Absent: Chairman Charles C. Woodard and Selectman Leonard A. Simon.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Pat Brown at 9:02 AM in the Thompson Conference Room, Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Road.

**State Primary Warrant**

Selectman O'Brien moved, and Selectman Haarde seconded

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign the State Primary Election Warrant for posting by a constable no later than September 2, 2014.

**Special Town Meeting Warrant**

Vice Chairman Brown moved, Selectman O'Brien second

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on September 4, 2014.

**Special Town Election Ballot Question**

The Board considered two different versions of the argument against: one prepared by Mr. Robert Stein representing the organized opposition, and one prepared by Town Counsel. Discussion and questions ensued regarding statements in Mr. Stein's argument. Chief Nix and Facilities Director Jim Kelly were asked about the adequacies of the contingency, and they explained that what is the "industry standard" depends on where the project is in the process and what is known versus unknown. As more is known, the need for contingency decreases. Chief Nix was asked about traffic on Route 20 and Route 27 and traffic counts, but numbers were not brought to the meeting. Comments were made noting that Mr. Stein's statements were arguments were not primarily directed to the additional costs but rather the original project, and how much these arguments are read by voters anyway. Selectman Haarde noted to not use Mr. Stein's argument after saying he could prepare one would be rattling a hornet's nest. Vice-Chair Brown notes the potential for the situation of who is the organized opposition or if there is more than one needs to be dealt with for the future.

Selectman O'Brien moved that Town Counsel's argument should be used for the election warrant. There was no second for that motion.

Vice-Chair Brown moved to use the election warrant with the argument proposed by Mr. Stein as corrected by Town staff. Selectman Haarde seconded. The motion passed, Brown and Haarde in favor, O'Brien opposed.

Selectman O'Brien moved to sign the election warrant, Selectman Haarde seconded.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign the Warrant for the Special Town Election on September 9, 2014 as prepared by Mr. Stein.

Vice-chair Brown moved to adjourn, Selectman Haarde seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen G. Valente,  
Town Manager-Clerk