

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016
(Prior to Special Town Meeting)

Meeting video can be viewed at www.sudburytv.org

Present: Chairman Patricia A. Brown, Vice-Chairman Susan N. Iuliano, Selectman Charles C. Woodard, Selectman Leonard A. Simon, and Town Manager Melissa Rodrigues

Absent: Selectman Robert C. Haarde

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Opening Remarks

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Brown opened the meeting. She asked members to identify themselves since nameplates were not at the meeting: Vice-Chairman Susan Iuliano, Selectman Len Simon, Selectman Chuck Woodard, and Town Manager Melissa Rodrigues.

Discussion and possible vote order of Special Town Meeting Articles

Chairman Brown opened the discussion and immediately handed it over to Selectman Simon. He suggested that it would make more sense for articles 1-2 be reversed because the Minuteman Regional Agreement was changed to allow towns (including Sudbury) to withdraw. Also, in looking at this in order to approve this agreement, do we want to stay in the district or leave the district? It's a two-step process.

Vice-chair Iuliano asked about results from other town meetings. Selectman Simon shared that meetings were cancelled due to last night's weather. Selectman Woodard asked if those towns voted to support the new agreement. Selectman Simon answered yes, and it wasn't a close vote on any of the four towns. Ms. Iuliano asked Town Manager Melissa Rodrigues about this. She spoke to Town Counsel Barbara Saint Andre, and it's more of a logistical decision on what's more important to vote on first. Chairman Brown said if we want to change the order in the warrant, a 4/5 vote of the Hall is required. Does anyone object to asking the Moderator? All Board members agreed it was fine to do this. Town Manager Rodrigues shared that Town Meeting Moderator Mike Fee is aware of this. Selectman Simon offered to make the motion at Special Town Meeting.

Vice-chair Iuliano moved to take Special Town Meeting articles 1 and 2 out of order. Selectman Simon seconded the motion.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To take Special Town Meeting articles 1 and 2 out of order.

Discussion and possibly vote position on amended Minuteman High School (MMHS) agreement if Sudbury chooses to withdraw

After much discussion, the full Board agreed to take no position on this article. Selectmen Woodard and Simon both opined that the MMHS administration was mismanaged.

The majority of the Board supports the MMHS amended agreement, even in the event that we fail to withdraw from Minuteman.

Discussion and vote on whether to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) A & B between the Town of Sudbury and the Sudbury Police Sergeants Union, MCOP Local 370/A, both dated 2/4/16, and ratify the vote taken in Executive Session between the Town of Sudbury and the Police Sergeants Union

This MOA was already approved in Executive Session. Chairman Brown said that this vote needs to be ratified in a timely manner due to payment, and would rather not delay.

Chairman Brown called on Police Chief Scott Nix to explain the agreement. The difference between this agreement and other one is 1%. Supervisors have historically been lower. There is a 20% disparity between patrolman and sergeant. This is outside of the civil service agreement. This is a one-time 1% increase. Chairman Brown asked for a motion.

Vice-chair Iuliano moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), and it was seconded by Selectman Woodard.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) A & B between the Town of Sudbury and the Sudbury Police Sergeants Union, MCOP Local 370/A, both dated 2/4/16, and ratify the vote taken in Executive Session between the Town of Sudbury and the Police Sergeants Union.

Vice-chair Iuliano moved to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Chairman Brown

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.