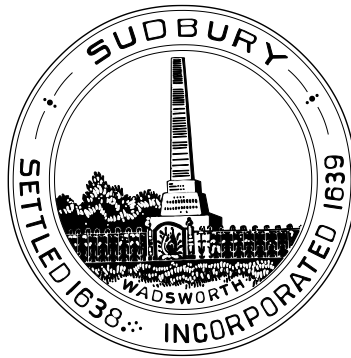


TOWN OF SUDBURY MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICAL WARRANT



SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

June 24, 2014

Polls Open 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

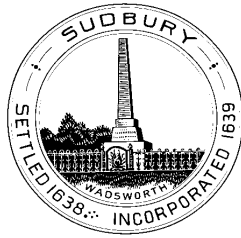
Precincts 1, 1A, 2 & 5

Fairbank Community Center, Fairbank Road

Precincts 3 & 4

Sudbury Town Hall, Concord Road

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

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 Elections, that voters residing in Precincts 1, 1A, 2 and 5 should meet at the Fairbank Community Center and voters residing in Precincts 3 and 4 should meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, June 24, at seven o'clock in the forenoon; then and there to vote on the following ballot question:

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$685,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance and a fire engine including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto for the fiscal year beginning July First 2014?

YES _____

NO _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 15 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, voters passed an article funding the Fiscal Year 2015 purchase of an ambulance and one Fire Engine, both inclusive of associated equipment, in the amount of \$685,000, contingent upon submitting a capital exclusion question to the voters at a subsequent Special Town Election.

This ballot question seeks to increase the amount of property tax revenue the Town may raise in Fiscal 15 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) for a one year period only for the stated purpose. It does not increase the Town's levy limit nor does it become part of the base for calculating future years' levy limits.

The estimated impact of increasing the FY15 taxes an additional \$685,000 is \$0.17 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2014 average home value of \$640,277 is estimated at \$108 in FY15.

A "yes" vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY15 taxes in order to pay for the purchase of an ambulance and fire engine; and a "no" vote will mean the purchase cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The Fire Chief is requesting funds to replace a 1987 Ford Fire Engine and a 2003 Ford Ambulance.

Fire engines are normally kept in front line service for fifteen years, then for five years as reserve apparatus. The 1987 Ford Fire Engine is 27 years old and needs extensive repair. The Fire Chief deemed the repairs to be beyond the worth of the vehicle and took it out of service. These funds will allow the Department to replace the 1987 Ford with a new fire engine.

Ambulances are normally kept in front line service for five years, then for five years in reserve service. The Fire Department presently has two ambulances, a 2008 ambulance in front line service and a 2003 in backup service. The funds requested will allow the Department to trade in the 2003 ambulance for a new one. The new ambulance will become the front line ambulance; the 2008 ambulance will be moved to backup service.

A new fire engine and ambulance are vital pieces of equipment to help the Fire Department continue our mission to provide prompt emergency medical services and fire suppression throughout the Town. Delays in purchasing this equipment could result in increased response times and increased costs for repairs and maintenance.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Passage of this capital exclusion would increase the tax levy above the amount already required for the FY15 operating budget. This extra tax is concentrated in one year and as such will present an additional hardship for those already struggling.

Polls will open at seven o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are required to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall at least seven days before the time appointed for such election.

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

Given under our hands this 10th day of June, 2014.

SELECTMEN OF SUDBURY:

Charles C. Woodard

Lawrence W. O'Brien

Robert C. Haarde

Leonard A. Simon

Patricia A. Brown