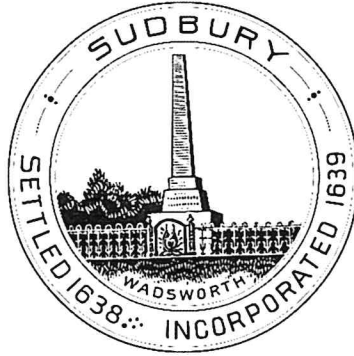


Town of Sudbury Massachusetts



OFFICIAL WARRANT SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Polls Open 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Precincts 1, 1A, 2 & 5 - Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road
Precincts 3 & 4 - Sudbury Town Hall, 322 Concord Road

**TOWN OF SUDBURY
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT**

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, May 17, 2016, between the hours of seven o'clock in the forenoon and eight o'clock in the evening, to cast their votes on the following ballot questions:

Ballot Question No. 1

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$265,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a Fire Department Ambulance, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 14A of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 purchase of an ambulance including associated equipment in the amount of \$265,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$265,000 is \$0.0610 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$38.71 in FY17.

A "yes" vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the purchase and equipping of a Fire Department ambulance; and a "no" vote will mean the purchase and equipping cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The requested ambulance would replace the Fire Department's 2008 Ambulance which was in front line service from 2008 until 2015, when the new 2015 ambulance was delivered. The 2008 now serves as a backup. By the time a new ambulance is delivered, the 2008 ambulance will be 9 years old. With more ambulance calls and more frequent trips to Boston hospitals, the vehicle now has 107,000 miles and has required extensive repairs. We are moving forward with the ability to staff two ambulances and the Fire Chief wants to be sure we have up to date and reliable ambulances.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this “one time” exclusion or an increase in the Town’s budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 2

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a Fire Department Ladder Truck, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 14B of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 purchase of a Fire Department ladder truck in the amount of \$875,000, contingent upon submitting a Proposition 2 ½ debt 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 for a five-year bonding 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$201,250 to pay for the bond issued for the purchase is \$0.0463 per \$1,000 assessed value in year one. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$29.40 in FY17.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase taxes in order to pay for the bonded purchase of a Fire Department ladder truck with all associated costs and a “no” vote will mean the purchase cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The requested Ladder Truck/Pumper would replace the Fire Department’s 1999 Ladder 1. This vehicle is a first line piece of apparatus that serves as a ladder truck and fire pumper responding from Fire Headquarters. By the time a new ladder truck is delivered, our Ladder 1 will be 18 years old. The typical replacement cycle for our first line fire apparatus is 15 years. The Fire Department depends on reliable and well equipped fire apparatus to provide emergency medical services and fire suppression throughout the Town, and to assist other towns when called upon. These funds will allow the Department to replace the 1999 Ladder Truck/Pumper with an updated piece of apparatus with additional safety features that will benefit both fire personnel and the citizens of Sudbury.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in the Town’s debt, which is now in decline, may cause hardship to many residents because of the real estate tax revenue needed to pay debt service each year over the life of the debt. Exempting the debt from the limits of Proposition 2 ½ and thus not affecting the levy limit also undermines the efforts of those seeking to control costs by limiting spending.

Ballot Question No. 3

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$492,500 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchase or acquisition of rolling stock, vehicle, and/or equipment for the Department of Public Works, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 15 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 purchase of rolling stock/vehicles/equipment for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$492,500, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$492,500 is \$0.1133 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$71.94 in FY17.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the purchase of rolling stock/vehicle/equipment for the DPW; and a “no” vote will mean the purchase cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The requested \$492,500 is for the replacement of the DPW's (1) 6-Wheel dump Truck, (1) Front End Loader, and (1) Multipurpose Tractor. This vehicle and equipment will be 11-16 years old at the time of replacement.

The replacement cycle of these vehicles and equipment is 7 to 10 years. The Department of Public Works depends on the yearly replacement of vehicles and equipment to keep the Department operating efficiently and safely. Without these vehicles and equipment, employees will not be able to do their jobs effectively, causing delays in snow removal operations and construction projects.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this “one time” exclusion or an increase in the Town's budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 4

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$75,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing a School Rooftop HVAC Unit, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 16 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 purchase of a rooftop HVAC unit for the Sudbury Public Schools in the amount of \$75,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$75,000 is \$0.0173 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$10.96 in FY17.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the HVAC unit and all incidental costs; and a “no” vote will mean the purchase and installation cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The requested \$75,000 is for the replacement of one rooftop HVAC unit at either the Curtis Middle School or the Loring School. The condensing coils are starting to wear out and are leaking. These rooftop units provide the cooling systems for our school buildings and are becoming older and need to be replaced. The 2015 Annual Town Meeting approved funds to replace two units located at the Noyes School, with the intention to request funding in 2016 to address additional units in need of replacement. The existing units are approximately 16/18 years old and at the end of their useful life. The units have been well maintained; however, repairs and service calls on the aging units have increased. This project would also update the refrigerant from R22 to 410A, which is required by law and is more environmentally responsible. The plan for FY17 is to be prepared for replacement of one system, the exact unit number will be decided in the summer with replacement scheduled for the fall.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this “one time” exclusion or an increase in the Town’s budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 5

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$84,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to the Sudbury Public Schools’ and Town’s driveways, parking lots and sidewalks, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 17 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 improvements to the Fire Headquarters driveway and parking areas in the amount of \$84,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$84,000 is \$0.0193 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$12.27 in FY17.

A "yes" vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the improvements to Town and School driveways, parking lots and sidewalks; and a "no" vote will mean the improvements cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The driveways, sidewalks and parking lots at the Sudbury Public Schools and the Town facilities are in need of major repair. Two years ago Town Meeting approved funds to make improvements at the Nixon School and a portion of the Curtis School. Last year, the residents continued their support for these site improvements and maintenance approving \$200,000 to complete the Curtis School and Goodnow Library parking lot renovations. This year, the request for \$84,000 is to allow the Town's DPW to continue these improvements at the Sudbury Fire Headquarters on Hudson Road.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this "one time" exclusion or an increase in the Town's budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 6

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$25,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to the Crosswalk at the Nixon School, including installing a crosswalk traffic signal at the intersection of Concord Road, Morse Road, and the driveway entrance to the Nixon School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 18 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 installation of a crosswalk traffic signal at the Nixon School in the amount of \$25,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$84,000 is \$0.0058 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$3.65 in FY17.

A "yes" vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the crosswalk traffic signal installation and other associated work; and a "no" vote will mean the crosswalk traffic signal cannot be installed.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: This article requests \$25,000 to install a crosswalk traffic signal at the intersection of Concord Road/Morse Road and the driveway entrance to the Nixon School. This intersection crosswalk is used by many who walk to both the Nixon School and Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. The signal will be activated by the pedestrian and will flash yellow to alert drivers to stop while the person walks across the roadway. Crossing Concord Road at Morse Road for elementary age children has been a concern for some time. There have been numerous near misses even with a crossing guard. A number of initiatives have been reviewed in an effort to make crossing safer for all; one of which is a pedestrian signal. The safety of pedestrians is paramount, particularly our children.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this “one time” exclusion or an increase in the Town’s budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 7

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$195,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to Sudbury Town Buildings for the purpose of Building Safety, Security and Access controls, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 19 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 installation of security and access controls at Town and School buildings in the amount of \$195,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$195,000 is \$0.0449 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$28.48 in FY17.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the installation of the security and access controls; and a “no” vote will mean the installation cannot take place.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The goal of this request is to provide secure and safe facilities for our children, staff and residents with the installation of town and school security and access controls. Last year residents supported a similar article to begin the implementation of new security and access controls in the Sudbury Schools. This request for \$195,000 will allow the continuance of program with the installation of electronic card access and exterior security cameras at the Curtis, Haynes, Noyes, Nixon and Loring Schools as well as the Flynn Building, Goodnow Library, and the Fairbank Community Center and Atkinson Pool. The FY17 appropriation will include door controls, warning alarms when exterior doors are forced open, and additional cameras and other safety measures to insure our children and residents are safe. As we have learned, school and workplace violence can happen anywhere. The

implementation of entry access control and the installation of security cameras, will allow the staff the ability to better control entry into the building.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this “one time” exclusion or an increase in the Town’s budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 8

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$122,320 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District for the purpose of building and personal safety and security, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 20 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 security system upgrade at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School in the amount of \$122,320, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$122,320 is \$0.0281 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$17.87 in FY17.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the security system upgrade; and a “no” vote will mean the upgrade cannot be installed.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: Approval of this ballot question will enable the upgrade and expansion of the existing video camera security system for Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. This plan would replace the head end, storage and switching components which control the existing 26 cameras with high resolution (720p) wide dynamic range IP cameras and head end equipment and install new exterior cameras to allow viewing of critical infrastructure not currently available at: 1) loading dock, 2) tech labs, 3) auditorium backstage, 4) emergency exit gym, and 5) emergency exit fitness center. Additional interior locations will include two (2) interior stairwells not currently visible from existing system and relocation of existing cameras to allow full view of auditorium entrance and instrument room.

The existing system does not provide full security view due to limited capability of the existing infrastructure both from the field of view of the existing camera and the placement of certain units. The existing head end control components are not capable of supporting new high resolution cameras.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this “one time” exclusion or an increase in the Town’s budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot

question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 9

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$95,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of constructing a new maintenance garage and appurtenant structures on Town-owned land adjacent to the Nixon School, site development, purchasing additional equipment, landscaping, and all expenses connected therewith, including professional, engineering and architectural services and preparation of plans, specifications and bidding documents, supervision of work and relocation, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 21 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 construction of a maintenance garage including all costs related thereto at the Nixon School in the amount of \$95,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$95,000 is \$0.0219 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$13.88 in FY17.

A "yes" vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the school maintenance garage; and a "no" vote will mean the maintenance garage cannot be constructed.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: This ballot question would allow funding of \$95,000 for the construction of a new maintenance garage for the Sudbury Public School Department. While the location of the proposed 32' X 62' +/- structure is in the process of investigation, it appears that the Nixon School site provides the best opportunity. The structure will be used school-wide for the storage of unused furnishings, equipment, and other material and for warehousing supplies. It will also provide a small workshop and housing for School Department vehicles and other maintenance equipment.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this "one time" exclusion or an increase in the Town's budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 10

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$220,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of constructing an addition on the existing DPW garage on Town-owned land located at 275 Old Lancaster Road, including site development, and all expenses connected therewith, including professional, engineering and architectural services and preparation of plans,

specifications and bidding documents, supervision of work and relocation, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 22 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 construction of an addition to the DPW garage in the amount of \$220,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$220,000 is \$0.0506 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$32.14 in FY17.

A "yes" vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the DPW garage addition; and a "no" vote will mean the garage addition cannot be constructed.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: Approval of this ballot question would fund construction of a shed roof addition off the back side of the new DPW garage located at 275 Old Lancaster Road. This open air structure will provide roof coverage to a dozen trucks and keep the trucks out of the weather. This project was on the capital improvement plan in 2012, and had been postponed for town meeting review until this year. This cold storage garage will preserve and protect the Town's rolling stock assets. This covered roof structure will also save man hours in the highway department eliminating the need of shuffling trucks and plows from the existing overcrowded interior garage.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this "one time" exclusion or an increase in the Town's budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 11

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$250,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the Underground Fuel Storage system at the DPW Facility located at 275 Old Lancaster Road and all other appurtenances thereto and all expenses therewith including preparation of plans, specifications and bidding, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 23 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 removal of underground gas and diesel tanks with above-ground replacement of the tanks plus installation of an updated fuel tracking system at the DPW in the amount of \$250,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$250,000 is \$0.0575 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$36.52 in FY17.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the new above-ground fuel tanks and tracking system including removal of underground tanks; and a “no” vote will mean the project cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: Approval of this ballot question would fund removal of the current gas and diesel underground storage tanks and replacement with above-ground tanks and the acquisition of an updated fuel tracking system. The current storage tanks and fuel tracking systems are approximately 21-years old and have begun to require significant repairs. The current fuel tracking system (GasBoy system) is very old in technical terms and will not interface with current technology. Replacement parts and service companies have been scarce and it is difficult to find repair services that work on this system. The benefit of moving to above-ground fuel tank storage is to have a storage system that is more easily accessible for possible leaks and repairs. The benefit of having a new fuel tracking system is to enable the interface with current technology more easily and also to access service and repair parts more easily.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this “one time” exclusion or an increase in the Town’s budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 12

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of engineering, design and construction of new walkways within the Town, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article __ of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 engineering, design and construction of new Town walkways in the amount of \$100,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$100,000 is \$0.0230 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$14.61 in FY17.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for the engineering, design and construction of new Town walkways; and a “no” vote will mean the project cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: Funds approved under this ballot question will allow the Town to continue the popular program of new walkway construction in various neighborhoods in Sudbury. For the last 12 years this program has been funded using Community Preservation Act funds totaling over \$1,000,000. A recent law suit decided by the MA Superior Court in the Town of Norwell, MA has identified a legal argument against the use of CPA funds for this purpose. In order to continue the program and avoid any potential legal challenges, capital funds are requested.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this “one time” exclusion or an increase in the Town’s budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 13

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to assess an additional \$175,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of reconstructing, resurfacing, expanding or making extraordinary repairs to the tennis courts at Featherland Park, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 25 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 to fund the reconstruction, resurfacing, expansion or making extraordinary repairs to

the Featherland Park tennis courts in the amount of \$175,000, 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 17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$175,000 is \$0.0403 per \$1,000 assessed value. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$25.56 in FY17.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase FY17 taxes in order to pay for work to be performed at the Featherland Park tennis courts; and a “no” vote will mean the project cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The tennis courts at Featherland had been an existing asset in the town for the past 40 years until they were destroyed by snow last winter. The courts have heavy user demand as evidenced by the public response to the courts removal. The tennis courts are heavily used by all ages and genders, and Lincoln Sudbury High School use them for their Junior Varsity team. Tennis is a popular unstructured activity and these courts have a central location in South Sudbury, which isn’t serviced by any other courts.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in taxes whether due to this “one time” exclusion or an increase in the Town’s budget presents a hardship for many taxpayers. This capital exclusion ballot question covers only one of the projects proposed to be funded in a similar manner. Even if this is spread over quarterly payments, it still represents a tax increase which many of the residents, especially seniors, cannot afford.

Ballot Question No. 14

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to be exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to produce design documents for a new community center, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

Yes _____ No _____

SUMMARY: Under Article 33 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, voters considered an article to fund the cost of design services for a new community center in the amount of \$1,200,000, contingent upon submitting a Proposition 2 ½ debt 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 for a five-year bonding 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 FY17 taxes an additional \$10,000 to pay for interest only on the debt issued is \$.0023 per \$1,000 assessed value in year one because of the timing of the issuance. For example, the tax impact on the 2016 average home value of \$634,923 is estimated at \$1.46 in FY17. The tax impact for FY18 through FY22 is estimated to be approximately \$40 for the average household as it will include both interest and principal.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to increase taxes in order to pay for the bonded design services for a new community center; and a “no” vote will mean the project cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The Fairbanks Community Center Task Force was established to assess the capacity of the existing building to meet the current and future program needs of the Senior Center and Park and Recreation Department, including the Teen Center and Atkinson Pool. As a result, the Task Force is requesting design service funding for a new multigenerational community center. The independent architectural Feasibility Study concluded it does not make financial sense to repair the building given its current state. The Study concluded the older section of the building is deficient in numerous areas and does not meet current building codes. The minimum required to bring the old building up to code and make modest renovations to the newer portions would be \$12 million over the next ten years. Even with this investment, the building would not meet the current or future program needs of the community. The Study included a thorough assessment of the current and future recreation and senior program needs, a market analysis and demographic statistics and projections. The Study concluded that current and future needs are not being met at this time due to significant space and program constraints in the existing building. The Task Force determined the best option is to seek sufficient funds for 50% design documents to replace the building and renovate the pool and to consider design options for a larger gym, family pool and space for SPS administration. These documents will produce accurate construction and operating costs figures less than one year from now.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Any increase in the Town’s debt, which is now in decline, may cause hardship to many residents because of the real estate tax revenue needed to pay debt service each year over the life of the debt. Exempting the debt from the limits of Proposition 2 ½ and thus not affecting the levy limit also undermines the efforts of those seeking to control costs by limiting spending. The design funding requested appears to be proportional to construction of a greatly enlarged Community Center. The future building costs for such a project will entail additional debt service which many townspeople will not be able to afford.

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 26th day of April, 2016.

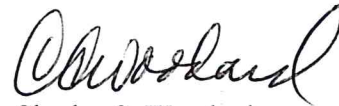
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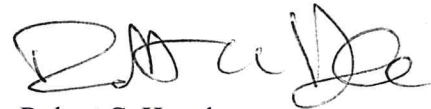
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