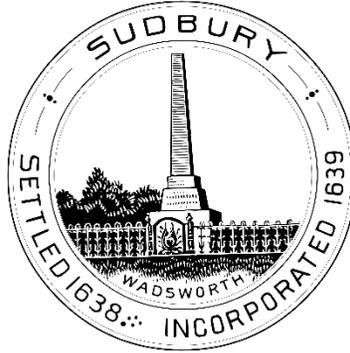


Town of Sudbury Massachusetts



OFFICIAL WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

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
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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 12 2018, 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 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 and equip rolling stock, vehicles, and equipment for the Department of Public Works, including all incidental and related expenses?

YES _____ NO _____

SUMMARY: The 2018 Annual Town Meeting has voted its approval of Article 22 for the expenditure of funds to purchase and equip various vehicles requested by the Director and pertinent to the operations of the Department of Public Works.

This ballot question seeks to exclude from the Proposition 2 ½ levy limit the principal and interest to pay for this project. If this debt exclusion receives approval via this ballot, permanent bonding will be obtained upon completion of the purchases based on actual expenditures.

At the time of warrant signing, the total project cost has not been finalized; however, predicated upon an estimated total project cost of \$860 thousand, impact on the tax rate is: \$0.04 per \$1,000 assessed value at the highest point of the bonding period (based upon a 5-year bond at 3.0%). For example, the tax impact on the 2018 average home value of \$726,926 is estimated at \$32 in the first year of debt service, and would decline approximately \$1/year during the bonding period.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to exclude from the levy limit the debt required to fund the vehicle and equipment purchases and expenditures connected thereto and a “no” vote will mean the purchases of vehicles and equipment cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The systematic replacement and upgrading of DPW vehicles and equipment ensures safety and reliability for construction projects and more importantly for responses to storms (flooding, snow, hurricanes, etc.), road closures and other emergency situations. The replacement focuses on unreliable and costly to repair vehicles and equipment resulting in improving efficiencies and meeting the multi-disciplinary needs of the Department.

The dump truck with plow, side-mounted wing and small spreader insert is needed for multiple uses throughout all divisions (highway, drainage, cemetery, parks & grounds) and will improve efficiencies in snow removal operations. This type of vehicle is used to perform everyday tasks including moving materials and towing equipment.

The bucket truck will provide the tree division with the equipment it needs to fell trees throughout the Town, a service which is currently contracted. This purchase will allow the majority of regular tree maintenance and various emergencies to be handled internally and purchase would pay for itself in four years, potentially yielding over \$300,000 in savings over the life of the vehicle.

The addition of two street sweepers will enable the Town to eliminate contracted services and enable the Town to meet the Federal Stormwater Permit guidelines, potentially yielding a future savings of \$120,000/year.

The versatile mini-excavator would replace a 2005 backhoe in the cemetery division. Its easy maneuverability would eliminate headstone removal and replacement, and also be extremely beneficial to the highway and drainage division in sidewalk construction, and maintenance and installation of drains that are inaccessible by backhoe.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Although passage of this debt exclusion would increase the tax rate over the five-year bonding period only, any increase in the Town's tax levy may cause financial hardship to residents, especially older residents. The purchase of the dump truck could be deferred. While the addition of two street sweepers might enable the Town to eliminate contracted services, it is not a requirement of the Federal Stormwater Permit guidelines that the streets be swept twice per year.

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 construct, reconstruct, or make extraordinary repairs to replace the underground fuel storage and management systems at the DPW Facility located at 275 Old Lancaster Road, including all incidental and related expenses?

YES _____ NO _____

SUMMARY: The 2018 Annual Town Meeting has voted its approval of Article 23 for the expenditure of funds to replace the underground fuel storage and management systems at the DPW as requested by the Director.

This ballot question seeks to exclude from the Proposition 2 ½ levy limit the principal and interest to pay for this project. If this debt exclusion receives approval via this ballot, permanent bonding will be obtained upon completion of the purchases based on actual expenditures.

At the time of warrant signing, the total project cost has not been finalized; however, predicated upon an estimated total project cost of \$1.5 million, impact on the tax rate is: \$0.04 per \$1,000 assessed value at the highest point of the bonding period (based upon a 10-year bond at 3.5%). For example, the tax impact on the 2018 average home value of \$726,926 is estimated at \$32 in the first year of debt service, and would decline approximately \$1/year during the bonding period.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to exclude from the levy limit the debt required to fund the replacement of the underground fuel storage and management systems at the DPW and a “no” vote will mean the replacement cannot go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The current underground fuel storage and dispensing system is over 25 years old and at the end of its useful life. The fuel system at the Public Works Department provides approximately 45,000 gallons unleaded and approximately 30,000 gallons diesel annually to the entire DPW fleet, Police, Fire, Building, Facilities, BOH, Council on Aging, School Department (SPS and LS), Housing and the Water District. The existing aged fuel management system has been experiencing intermittent failures causing the need to seek alternate fuel sources including patronizing privately-owned fuel stations (at a substantial increase in costs per gallon). The current fuel management and tracking system is original to the installation and is considered very old in terms of technology. It does not interface with current, more robust and user-friendly systems, nor is it compatible with current automotive preventative maintenance software available for the DPW mechanics. Replacement parts and service companies have been scarce and it is difficult to find repair service companies that work on this system. The underground fuel storage tanks need replacement before they experience any leaks resulting in an environmental concern. Furthermore, the fuel management and tracking system needs to be replaced before parts and service personnel are no longer available for it. Either case would put the Town in a crisis situation and not able to support critical town services.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: Approval of this article at the ballot will severely and negatively impact lower income home owners and those living on retirement savings, particularly older residents. If this project could have been financed in phases with the underground tank removal first, the cost would have been spread out.

BALLOT QUESTION NO. 3

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 repair the Stearns Mill Pond Dam in order to stabilize the dam and correct the safety deficiencies identified by the State, including design, permit and engineering fees therefor, and to fund the design and construction to replace the Dutton Road bridge downstream of the dam and over Hop Brook, including all incidental and related expenses?

YES _____ NO _____

SUMMARY: The 2018 Annual Town Meeting has voted its approval of Article 24 for the expenditure of funds to design and repair of the Stearns Mill Pond Dam and to design and construct the replacement of the Dutton Road Bridge.

This ballot question seeks to exclude from the Proposition 2 ½ levy limit the principal and interest to pay for this project. If this debt exclusion receives approval via this ballot, permanent bonding will be obtained upon completion of the purchases based on actual expenditures.

At the time of warrant signing, the total project cost has not been finalized; however, predicated upon an estimated total project cost of \$1.85 million, impact on the tax rate is: \$0.04 per \$1,000 assessed value at the highest point of the bonding period (based upon a 20-year bond at 4.0%). For example, the tax impact on the 2018 average home value of \$726,926 is estimated at \$27 in the first year of debt service, and would decline approximately \$1/year during the bonding period.

A “yes” vote on this question will authorize the Town to exclude from the levy limit the debt required to fund the design, permitting, and engineering fees, and construction costs connected to the repair of the Stearns Mill Pond Dam and for design and construction of the Dutton Road bridge replacement. A “no” vote will mean neither project can go forward.

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE: The Stearns Mill Pond Dam is rated as a significant hazard dam by the Office of Dam Safety, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, which issued a Notice of Noncompliance (NON) after inspection. A consultant hired by the Public Works Department performed additional inspections, including underwater dive and dye testing, to better understand the limits of what will be needed to stabilize the structure to remove the rating. In order to comply with the NON (and eliminate the risk of fines or penalties) and to improve the rating, the Town needs to perform a study and further analysis of the dam including hydrologic and hydraulic calculations, topographic survey, wetland delineation, and a remedial design. In order to comply with the NON timeline, design and permitting will commence in June with bidding in December 2018 for construction in August through October of 2019, when flows are lowest

The Dutton Road Bridge (which lies downstream of the Stearns Mill Pond Dam) provides one critical link for motorists traveling between Hudson Road to the north and Route 20 to the south. A recent culvert and bridge inspection identified severe deterioration and section loss to the corrugated metal pipes, sagging upper chord members, loose and dislodged masonry in various locations, heaved headwalls and deteriorated stringers along the downstream pedestrian bridge.

The design and construction of the bridge estimate is around \$1.1M but the work may qualify, if approved, for State grant reimbursement up to \$500,000 once the project is completed.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION: The cost of this twenty-year bond to the taxpayers would severely impact many of the Town’s homeowners even if considered individually. Collectively with other bonding overlapping, new or currently in place, together with the taxation required to fund the financial articles passed at this Annual Town Meeting which also affect the tax rate, the financial impact of this article presents a real hardship.

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 15th day of May, 2018.

SELECTMEN OF SUDBURY:

Robert C. Haarde

Leonard A. Simon

Patricia A. Brown

Daniel E. Carty

Janie Dretler

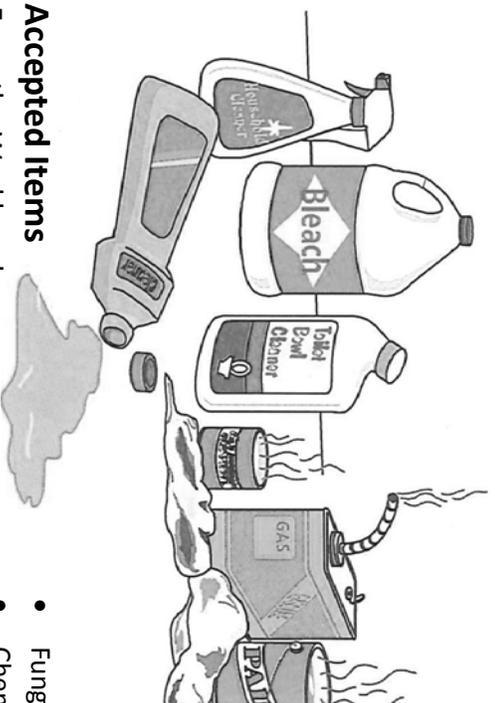
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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

SATURDAY, November 17, 2018

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

DPW - 275 Old Lancaster Road



Accepted Items

From the Workbench:

- Oil Based Paints (NO LATEX)
- Stains & Varnishes
- Wood Preservatives
- Paint Strippers/Thinners Solvent
- Adhesives Lighter Fluid /Fiberglass Resins

From the Garage:

- Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene
- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Engine Degreaser
- Brake Fluid/Carburetor Cleaner
- Transmission Fluid Car Wax, Polishes
- Driveway Sealer
- Roofing Tar
- Swimming Pool Chemicals

From the Yard:

- Poisons
- Insecticides

- Fungicides
- Chemical Fertilizers
- Weed Killers Moth Balls
- Flea Control Products

From the House:

- Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
- Photo Chemicals
- Chemistry Sets
- Furniture Polish
- Floor & Metal Polish
- Oven Cleaner
- Drain & Toilet Cleaner
- Spot Remover
- Rug & Upholstery Cleaner
- Fluorescent bulbs Hobby Supplies, Artist Supplies
- Mercury containing devices

Safe Transport Tips

- o Leave materials in original containers.
- o Tighten caps and lids.
- o Sort and pack separately: oil paint, pesticides, and household cleaners.

- o Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.

o NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.

o Pack your car and drive directly to the site.

o NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous material.

Items NOT Accepted

- NO Latex Paint
- NO Empty Containers/Trash
- NO Commercial or Industrial Waste
- NO Radioactive Waste, Smoke Detectors
- NO Infectious & Biological Wastes
- NO Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives
- NO Fire Extinguishers
- NO Prescription Medicines/Syringes
- NO Asbestos
- NO Propane Tanks
- NO Batteries, Car or Household
- NO Computers / TV's

Collection Operated By:

Clean Harbors Environmental Services

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