

VOTE YES ARTICLE 2

Special Town Meeting | Tuesday, May 3, 2016 | Majority Vote Needed

What do I need to do?

Attend Special Town Meeting Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30pm at Lincoln Sudbury High School and vote YES on Article 2!

Why is this vote important?

This vote is important because we need a majority of YES votes to allocate additional funds for our legal battle in opposition to the Eversource power line project.

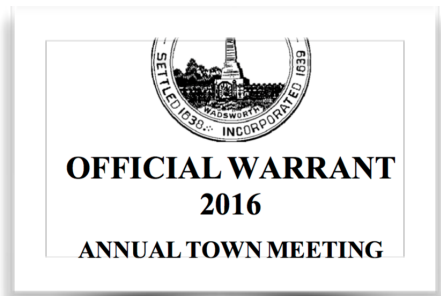
Don't we already have a lawyer?

Yes. Protect Sudbury retained highly regarded attorney Richard Kanoff of Burns & Levinson to represent us. Attorney Kanoff's fees are paid largely through private donations and fundraisers held by Protect Sudbury.

Article 2 will determine if we allocate funds from the town's free cash to support a complementary and coordinated legal strategy by the Town Counsel.

Why are we having this Special Town Meeting and why do we need to vote for extra money at special town meeting?

We are having a special town meeting to see what sum the Town will vote to raise for all related costs for preparing for and entering into, litigation with regard to the Eversource power line project. The town budgets a specific amount each year for anticipated legal work. The Town did not forecast for a protracted legal battle with Eversource over the proposed transmission line project. Since the Town is committed to engaging in this battle and the legal work is ongoing, an additional funding source must be targeted to pay for these services. Some funds have been transferred in FY16 to fund these costs, but additional costs will be needed as the next fiscal year nears. Special Town Meeting requests a transfer from the budgetary fund balance, also known as free cash, to cover legal fees. Free cash typically includes actual receipts in excess of revenue estimates and unspent amounts in departmental budget line-items for the year just ending, plus unexpended free cash from the previous year. These





Where can I get more data?

Take a look at the Town Warrant that was mailed to you recently. Each and every member of Sudbury is mailed a copy of the Warrant.

You can also find and read the warrant on the Sudbury Town web site here:

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funds are not coming from, and will not impact, any town services.

How are the funds raised used in our legal fight?

Protect Sudbury holds regular fundraising events to pay the legal fees we incur from our hired counsel Richard Kanoff. These legal fees are not the funds we seek at Special Town Meeting.

Cases like ours rely very heavily upon professional experts in the areas of utility engineering and siting. This effort will also likely require environmental experts. Experts are a large expense in this legal battle and the money we raise will be used to hire the top available experts.

The Special Town Meeting funds will go to similar costs of hiring experts, and associated fees, to pay for the Town's legal effort.

The Board of Selectmen has already retained counsel to begin preparing for this litigation.

Part of the strategy to win the fight against Eversource is to mount a coordinated and complimentary legal effort carried on by both Protect Sudbury and the Town.

This vote is very important and we need a majority of our community present on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30pm to attend the Special Town Meeting and vote YES on Article 2.