



FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CENTER

Ballot Question #4

November 3, 2020 Election

The Fairbank Community Center is home to the Senior Center, Park and Recreation, and Sudbury Public Schools administration. It also serves as an Emergency Shelter and a Town Voting site. Through the Center, residents of all ages have access to affordable programming for fitness, science, arts, summer and vacation camps as well as other services to enhance overall quality of life. The main building was built in 1958 as an elementary school. The Atkinson Pool was built in 1987, and the Senior Center addition was built in 1989.

Currently, much of the aging building is failing, requiring ongoing expensive maintenance and repairs. Inefficient energy management system, leaky roof, deteriorating locker rooms, worn interior, undersized generator, old plumbing system. The current building is not American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant nor is it Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (AAB) compliant.

The space is deficient, impacting the user groups' abilities to carry out their respective missions. The Senior Center has inadequate space to meet needs and interests of Sudbury's growing senior population. Park and Recreation has an inefficient layout for programming, with little room for pool viewing as well as failing locker rooms without appropriate changing rooms for families. The Sudbury Public School area is outdated, compartmentalized, and an overall subpar work environment to retain and attract employees.

For over 8 years, the Town has sought various solutions to meet the growing needs and address the deteriorating structure. In 2019, a new Fairbank Working Group was tasked with finding a new reasonably-scoped solution to meet current and future needs.

The Total Project Cost is \$28,832,000 with an annual tax impact per average household of \$231 over the course of 30 years (majority of tax impact to start in mid-2023). If the Fairbank Community Center passes at the ballot, the design and construction timeline is approximately 3 years for completion.

Annual Town Meeting – Fairbank Community Center Design & Construction Funds (Article 18) passed by more than 2/3 vote on September 12, 2020.

Presidential/State Election – The Fairbank Community Center is Question #4 on the November 3, 2020 Ballot.

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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 design, permit, construct, and renovate the property located at 40 Fairbank Road, also known as the Fairbank Community Center and Atkinson Pool, and any and all incidental and related costs associated therewith, including without limitation the professional, design, engineering, and project management services, preparation of plans, specification and bidding documents, borrowing costs, purchase of equipment, technology, and furniture, as well as site preparation, demolition, landscaping, and relocation services and costs?



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