ARTICLE 6. SPECIAL ACT – GRANT OF ADDITIONAL ALL ALCHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth pursuant to the Provisions of Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all other applicable laws for a Special Law, substantially in the following form, or to take any action relative thereto.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SUDBURY TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1.

- (a) Notwithstanding section 17 or chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the Town of Sudbury may grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 15 of said chapter 138 to Eastbrook, Inc., located at 435 Boston Post Road in the town of Sudbury. The license shall be subject to all of said chapter 138, except said section 17.
- (b) Upon issuance of the license authorized by this act, Eastbrook, Inc. shall surrender to the licensing authority the license currently held for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises.
- (c) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license granted pursuant to this act to any other location, but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the Department of Revenue and the Department of Unemployment Assistance indicating that the licensee is in good standing with those departments, and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.
- (d) If the license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked, or no longer in use, it shall be physically returned with all legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same conditions as specified in this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Submitted by Petition.

(Majority vote required.)

PETITIONER'S REPORT: The petitioner, Eastbrook, Inc. ("Eastbrook"), presently holds a wine and malt license at 435 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, Massachusetts, which is a store in the Sudbury Crossing Shopping Center. Eastbrook is asking for approval of a Home Rule Petition to request the State Legislature to approve an additional all alcoholic beverage not to be drunk on the premises license. Sudbury is presently limited to four such licenses which are already issued. The new license will be restricted to the Sudbury Crossing Shopping Center location.

The addition of liquors and spirits has been requested by Eastbrook's existing customers and local shoppers would benefit from the convenience of one stop shopping. Eastbrook has an established track record of operating responsibly and with community involvement.

Upon approval of the all alcoholic liquor store license by Town Meeting, the Legislature and Board of Selectmen, the existing wine and malt license will be returned to the Town.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT: The Board of Selectmen will report at Town Meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: The Finance Committee will report at Town Meeting.