

Sudbury Board of Selectmen Executive Session Minutes
Joint Executive Session with Hudson Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 6:00 PM
Sudbury Police Department, 75 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA

1. Call to Order:

Present from Sudbury were Ms. Iuliano, Mr. Haarde, Mr. Simon, Mr. Woodard, Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues and Attorney George Pucci.

Present from Hudson were Mr. Duplisea, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Parent, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Durant, Mr. Moses. Also present were Attorney Gregor McGregor, Attorney Aldo Cipriano and Ms. Vickery.

On a motion by Mr. Haarde, seconded by Mr. Woodard, the Sudbury Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 on a roll call **vote to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to potential challenge to the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (MAEFSB) decision on the Eversource Petition, and or seek advice of counsel, where an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the position of the public body and the chair so declares**

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to potential challenge to the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (MAEFSB) decision on the Eversource Petition, and or seek advice of counsel, where an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Ms. Iuliano stated that Sudbury will intervene in the siting process as well as Hudson. Both Towns believe this project is going to be approved and feel they must work cooperatively and decide how to go forward to obtain the best result for both Towns and its citizens.

Atty. Pucci noted that they must make a decision based on risk management and what the likelihood of prevailing will be. Both Boards feel that if they agree to the underground MBTA option with mitigation they may have a better chance to succeed.

Mr. Simon stated that the siting board must consider the following; how to keep rates down, the overall cost of the project and the environmental impact of the project. He feels that the issue of environmental impact is where the Towns may have more impact in regards to mitigation.

Ms. Iuliano said that Sudbury is not ready to publically state that they will accept the underground MBTA option.

All agreed that the overhead option must be removed as one of the preferred routes. Mr. Lucy suggested Counsel approach Eversource to discuss this.

Atty. McGregor noted that it will be dramatically different to have two Towns with the same stance willing to work together. He stated that there is still time to approach Eversource. However, the Towns need to understand that Eversource will ask for things in return with regard to mitigation. The Town needs to show firm but civil participation in the process.

On a motion by Mr. Simon, that for Hudson was repeated by Mr. Parent, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 4-1 to authorize Atty. McGregor to work cooperatively with Atty. Pucci to ultimately present a position of unity and solidarity to Eversource and bring back progress reports and any further meetings be conveyed through Counsel. Mr. Lucy opposed, stating that Mr. Simon's motion was too broad and too deep. (Sudbury Selectmen voted unanimously)

Atty. McGregor noted that all correspondence between the two attorneys will be confidential and will remain so.

Adjourn:

By Roll call the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:40 PM.