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## **Eversource to address Sudbury to Hudson Transmission Reliability Project during Board of Selectmen Meeting**

Residents to hear latest on siting options from Eversource during Sudbury Board of Selectman meeting on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

Sudbury, MA (October 24, 2016) – The Town of Sudbury announced today that Eversource will present new updates on the proposed Sudbury to Hudson Transmission Reliability Project during a <u>Board of Selectmen meeting on Wednesday</u>, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

During the meeting, residents will have the opportunity to hear directly from Eversource representatives, who will present potential route options and address resident questions and concerns. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School auditorium, located at 390 Lincoln Rd, Sudbury, MA.

The Board of Selectmen continue to voice concerns about Eversource's plans – which, if approved by the state – would run 4.3 miles of high voltage power lines through Sudbury. During the informational meeting on October 26th, Eversource will provide residents with an update on the proposal and the latest route alternatives before the utility files plans with the state's Energy Facilities Siting Board.

Eversource is expected to discuss two options – an overhead transmission line and underground line – on its preferred route along the MTBA rail line in Sudbury. In addition, Eversource will present a third geographically diverse option, an underground in-street alternative route. After the presentation, Eversource will address comments and questions raised by residents. The presentation can be found here: <a href="https://sudbury.ma.us/selectmen/?p=1116">https://sudbury.ma.us/selectmen/?p=1116</a>

Following the meeting, Eversource is expected to file plans with the state's Energy Facilities Siting Board, which will ultimately make the decision on which route, if any, will be approved.

"Over the past several months we've heard – and shared – many of the concerns raised by residents, environmental and community groups and elected officials, and that's why this meeting is so important," said Melissa Rodrigues, Town Manager. "This presentation is



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an opportunity for residents to hear directly from Eversource about the latest route options and the potential impacts on our community. Ultimately the Energy Facilities Siting Board will decide what route will be approved, and it's vital that residents utilize this chance to listen and voice any questions or concerns they have about the project."

Eversource asked to attend a Board of Selectmen meeting to present their final plans before filing. The Board of Selectmen Chair Susan Iuliano moved the meeting to Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School to accommodate the large crowd expected. Eversource has requested to make a presentation to the Town, has agreed to address resident questions and concerns, and will do so at the end of the meeting rather than individually.

In order to allow time for as much public participation as possible, public comment will be limited to three minutes per person.

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