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Sudbury Selectmen Oppose Eversource Project

The Board of Selectmen strongly opposes the Eversource Sudbury to Hudson Transmission Reliability Project that would construct 4.3 miles of high voltage transmission lines either above or below ground through Sudbury on the MBTA right-of-way. Due to the intrusive nature of the proposal, and the environmental, economic and safety risks it presents, significant more study, information and public input is required.

The current Eversource proposal potentially threatens the health and safety of residents, irreparably harms vital conservation land, and poses a long-term financial risk to residents, businesses and therefore this municipality. Not only will the Eversource proposal require the clear cutting of forests and the use of herbicides, it will disturb wetlands and other critical habitats for a number of animal and plant species. It will also create significant visual pollution and result in adverse financial and safety impacts for homeowners.

For all of these reasons, the Board of Selectmen has voted unanimously to oppose the Eversource Sudbury to Hudson Transmission Reliability Project.

We oppose the current proposal, overhead or underground, and will not support any alternative plan that would feature underground lines elsewhere in Sudbury without additional study, analysis and input.

We have retained counsel to represent the interests of Sudbury before the Energy Facilities Siting Board, as well as before DEP under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act review. The Board of Selectmen takes the threat this project poses to our community very seriously, and will act accordingly to protect the interests of Sudbury and its residents.

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