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**PUBLIC HEARING – EVERSOURCE ENERGY – WEST ROXBURY
TO NEEDHAM RELIABILITY PROJECT ROUTE**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in Powers Hall at the Needham Town Hall, 1471 Highland Avenue, Needham at 7:00 p.m.

In March 2016, Eversource Energy presented its “West Roxbury to Needham Reliability Project” plans to the Board of Selectmen. The plan that Eversource has filed with the Energy Facility Siting Board would remove a section of the existing overhead transmission line that runs along the MBTA Right of Way and bury it in a duct bank predominantly below public roads. Eversource has submitted a preferred route and a noticed alternative route (see map on the reverse).

The Board of Selectmen held a joint hearing with the Park and Recreation Commission on January 23, 2017 to discuss the preferred route and the Company’s request for an easement across Town property known as the “Gravel Pit.” At that hearing and since, the Board has received numerous comments concerning the preferred route. The purpose of the hearing on April 26th is for the Board to hear further input on the route options and to determine whether to take a position as to whether one of the routes, either the preferred route or the noticed alternative, is more advantageous to the Town. Information on this project can be viewed on the Town’s website at: www.needhamma.gov/hot.

The Board invites all residents and interested parties to attend and provide input regarding this project. Written comments may also be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Needham Town Hall, 1471 Highland Avenue, Needham MA 02492 or by email to selectmen@needhamma.gov.