

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Open Session Meeting Minutes
35 Central Street – Town Hall
2nd Floor Conference Room
September 29, 2016**

Members Present: Secretary Anthony Wilson, Selectman Thomas Boussy, Selectman George Seibold

Also Present: Attorney William Solomon, Attorney William Dewees, Acting Town Administrator Robert Markel

Call to Order: Secretary Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 2: Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board Proceeding for the Proposed Eversource Transmission Line (345- kV) – Woburn to Wakefield Markel stated that he requested the meeting to discuss the financial costs of the Eversource consultants. There are invoices for past work and we are still in the direct case. Markel continued, stating that the previously approved funds have been expended and that the work was specific to the pipe type cable and EMF.

Wilson requested a summary of the Eversource meeting that had taken place earlier in the day to discuss mitigation. Solomon stated that the meeting was favorable in that Eversource is at the table with the right people and serious about negotiating a host community agreement. There is still distance between the Town and Eversource on specific items. Most important is getting agreement on what requests have a nexus to the project.

The Board discussed priorities for mitigation: 1. Protecting businesses and residents; 2. Retention of water as over the power line; and 3. Rebuilding streets, including paving and curbing. The Board also discussed splitting the cost of lights to assure intersections are safe during construction.

Attorney Dewees gave a summary of the case. He stated that it is going well and that the Siting Board takes the Town's arguments seriously. It is unlikely they will make major changes but could listen to some of the arguments.

Boussy moved to approve \$96k for continued the case, with up to \$25k of that to reimburse Winchester for work that was mutual, \$31k for overages and \$40k moving forward to complete the direct case. Boussy further moved to authorize the TA to identify the funding source for this matter. Seibold seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor:

Secretary Wilson
Selectman Boussy

Voting Against:

Selectman Seibold

Motion carries (2-1).

The Board did not enter into executive session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Selectman Boussy. This motion was seconded by Selectman Seibold. Voted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Wilson
Secretary