

**Myth Busting** - Certain questions from the community reappear on a regular basis, so here's some help sorting fact from fiction. Please share!

**Myth: The Town Can Vote Down the Project**

**Fact: There is no vote**

Eversource proposes to build a transmission line on land owned by the MBTA. Although the MBTA corridor runs right up to people's properties and through some of our most beautiful conservation land, it's not ours to manage. If we and the Town don't work to stop Eversource, the project could go forward.

**Myth: They Can't Do This, Can They?**

**Fact: Yes. They can.**

If we do nothing, they absolutely can do it. Without challenging the premise of the project, yes, the utility can do it. That's why it's vital that we challenge everything all the way, and why Protect Sudbury hired one of the best law firms with experience in utility litigation, Burns and Levinson.

**Myth: The Town's Lawyer Should Be Enough**

**Fact: It isn't.**

Our best chance at stopping Eversource includes both our grass roots group of citizens, funding our own independent lawyer and the Town of Sudbury's official opposition. The town's lawyer works with Protect Sudbury's legal counsel, sharing information and coordinating legal strategy. Both efforts have been effective in leveraging every angle to oppose the project. Protect Sudbury and the Town of Sudbury act as separate intervenors in the siting board process so we can represent the broadest range of interests as possible. In pursuing every avenue of investigation and influence, some are more conducive to a private group and some to a municipality, so the efforts are cooperative and complimentary.

**Myth: I Live In North Sudbury, This Doesn't Affect Me**

**Fact: It does. And here's why**

Eversource's plan includes regular spraying of toxic chemicals uncomfortably close to our drinking water supply, including glyphosate, classified by the WHO's cancer agency as a probable carcinogen. This possibility alarms the Superintendent of our water district - you can see the formal letter of concern to Eversource on the Protect Sudbury web site. There's no "us and them" with regard to our drinking water. *If our water is contaminated, 18,000 residents of Sudbury would be in trouble.*

If the 115Kv lines (or whatever voltage they eventually want to upgrade to) are constructed, our community loses tens of thousands of trees and becomes host to a 4.5 mile clear cut brown out right outside Lotus Blossom, cutting through the business district, and bisecting neighborhoods as it crosses Union, Horse Pond, Peakham, and Dutton roads, and then permanently damages habitat in the Hop Brook, the National Wildlife Refuge, Memorial Forest, and the Desert Natural Area. Fewer trees and a 4.5 mile long chemical brown out brings a new industrialized character to town and with it possible drops in property values, which then degrade the tax base as a whole, which may mean a downturn in services and school budgets, making Sudbury less desirable as a community.

**Eversource threatens our health, our environment, our community.  
Do Not Let Them Have the Right of Way.**