

PUBLIC NOTICES



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING



https://www.mass.gov/info-details/blandford-substation-project

EFSB 25-09 NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (Blandford Substation Expansion)

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or “Company”) has asked the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board” or “EFSB”) to grant individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the Town of Blandford’s Zoning Bylaws for the expansion of the Company’s existing Blandford Substation located at 79 North Blandford Road in Blandford, Massachusetts (the “Project”). To accommodate this expansion, the Company proposes to increase the Substation yard from 0.65 acres to 1.13 acres and will remove 4,000 square feet of trees. A Project description of the Project site is provided below.

The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing with both in-person and remote participation options on:

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. Snow Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

In-person hearing location:

Blandford Town Hall 1 Russell Stage Rd. Blandford, MA 01008

Remote attendees: join by clicking (or entering) this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82900586470 from a computer, tablet, or smart device. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial-in at (646) 558-8656 (not a toll-free number) and then enter the Webinar ID: 829-0058-6470.

To provide oral comments during the public comment hearing (in person or on Zoom), please send an email to Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov with the subject line “EFSB 25-09 SPEAKER SIGN UP”, and your name, email address, and mailing address in the body of your email by noon, February 2, 2026 (or for Snow date by February 10, 2026). To sign up by telephone, please leave a voicemail message referencing “EFSB 25-09” at (617) 305-3544 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by noon, February 2, 2026 (or for Snow date by February 10, 2026). Pre-registered commenters will speak first, and other commenters afterward.

The Siting Board also invites written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (or for Snow date by 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2026). Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding (beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or in writing) may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Any petition to intervene or participate must likewise be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., February 18, 2026 (or for Snow date by 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2026) and must follow the instructions below.

Severe Weather Notification and Snow Date

In the event of severe weather, the Siting Board may postpone the public comment hearing. Any postponement will be announced on the Siting Board’s Project website (accessible via the URL link or QR code at the top of this notice’s first page). If the hearing is postponed, it will be rescheduled for the snow date of Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at the original location. The deadlines for submitting public comments and filing for intervention or limited participant status will be extended until Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Important Dates:

Public Comment Hearing Planned: February 3, 2026 Snow Date: February 11, 2026

Deadline to file written comments Planned: February 18, 2026 Alternate: February 26, 2026

Deadline to file for intervention/limited participant status Planned: February 18, 2026 Alternative: February 26, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold a public hearing on February 9, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm in Stanton Hall.

In the event of inclement weather, the snow date is February 10, 2026, same time, same place.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:00 pm for the Special Permit Application of Paul and Sandra (Tischler) Saner of 462 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brookline, MA to demolish and replace a 4 bedroom L-shaped single story cottage with failing foundation piers with a new rectangular 2 story home with a fully accessible first floor at property they own at 125 Norwich Lake (AKA 125 Searle Road), Huntington, Parcel# L-4-16-0. They also will be replacing the septic system with a new one located farther from the lake on Parcel # L-4-17-0, which they also own, with a shared system servicing both 125 Norwich Lake and 126 Norwich Lake (Parcel # L-4-17-0), Huntington.

The Special Permit Application will be available to view by appointment in the office of the Selectboard during regular business hours, as well as at the Public Hearing.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF HUNTINGTON 01/22, 01/29/2026

Town of Huntington RFQ Blandford Hill Road Improvement Project Engineering Design

The Town of Huntington has been awarded funds from the FY 2025 Massachusetts Execu-

tive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Community Development Block Grant Program. The Town wishes to receive responses for professional engineering design services for water main replacement, sewer system replacement, road reconstruction, storm drainage, and sidewalk reconstruction needed for the infrastructure improvement project on Blandford Hill Road. The project area includes Blandford Hill Road, from the intersection with Russell Road State Route 20 to #26 Blandford Hill Road, approximately 1,100 feet in length. This is a two-phase project. The Phase 1 engineering services sought through this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will include right of way and utility research, site survey and base plan development, identification of all required easements, preparation of preliminary design plans, final design plans and specifications, preparation of bid documents, and preparation of an opinion of construction costs. Phase 2 is contingent upon funding and will include bidding services, construction administration services, resident engineering services, and construction close-out services.

The fee for services sought for phase 1 will be negotiated and shall not exceed \$102,000. In the event project construction funding is procured in the future, the engineer shall provide Phase 2 services to be negotiated according to Chapter 7C of the Massachusetts General Laws. A more detailed RFQ is available at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104, (413) 781-6045, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. To request an electronic copy of the RFQ, please contact Sue Ortiz at soritz@pvpc.org. The RFQ will be

available from January 21, 2026, until the due date specified below. The Town of Huntington reserves the right to reject any and all responses if it is deemed in the best interests of the Town to do so. The Huntington Selectboard will be the awarding and contracting authority.

Completed proposals are to be submitted no later than 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104. 01/22, 01/29/2026

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL “On-Call” Architectural Design Services

The Town of Middlefield is seeking proposals for “On-Call” General Architectural Design and Services for several miscellaneous town capital improvement projects. Services will be effective from date of award through June 30, 2027 with two options to renew for two additional years ending on June 30, 2031.

The Town acting through its Town Select Board, is seeking qualified architectural firms to provide on-call “house Doctor and Consulting Services for the Town of Middlefield. The Town of Middlefield will award contracts as needed by the Town.

The scope of work will generally involve repair, rehabilitation, or renovation to municipal buildings/structures. Projects may include re-roofing, window repair and replacement, building insulation, building structural repair, elevator installation, exterior envelop repairs, mechanical, electrical and structural repairs or replacement, renovations for accessibility, design and con-

struction oversight of small municipal buildings and additions and minor interior renovations to building elements and offices as necessary.

Applicants must have experience in and be fully licensed or registered for the work mentioned in this RFP by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and must list the names of the licensed consultants that will be used as part of the RFP response. The selected firms shall have demonstrated previous experience in providing specified services to Massachusetts municipal governments. A complete RFP may be obtained, without charge, by contacting the Middlefield Administrative Assistant at, 413-623-2079 Ext.2 or at middlefield.assistant@gmail.com. Documents will be available beginning on January 16, 2026 in the Town of Middlefield Select Board Office, Town Hall 188 Skyline Trail Middlefield MA 01243 on Mondays from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. or Wednesday’s from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Friday’s from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. They can also be obtained by contacting the Town Administrative Assistant at middlefield.assistant@gmail.com. or by calling 413-623-2079 Ext.2. It is recommended that respondents to this request familiarize themselves with the detailed RFP.

It is the intent of the Awarding Authority to award contracts within thirty (30) business days after receiving the proposals.

The deadline for submitting Proposals to the Town of Middlefield Select Board Office 187 Skyline Trail Middlefield, MA 01243 is Wednesday February 4, 2026 by 2:00 P.M. Proposals can either be dropped off at the Select Board Office located at 187 Skyline Trail in Mid-

counsel for the Company, Catherine J. Keuthen, Esq., and Cheryl A. Blaine, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 1 Cranberry Hill, Suite 304, Lexington, MA 02421, ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com and cblaine@keeganwerlin.com.

Accommodation Requests

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. To submit a request for an accommodation, please email Melixza Esenyie - Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs at, eeadiversity@mass.gov, or call 617-626-1282. In your communication, please include a description of the request in as much detail as possible and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least one week (7 days) advance notice. Last-minute requests will be accepted but we may be unable to fulfill the request.

Language interpretation services are available upon request. Include in your request the language required and a way to contact you if we need more information. Requests may be made at least one week in advance. It may not be possible to accommodate last-minute requests. Contact the Presiding Officer for more information (contact information below).

Non-discrimination Notice

The Siting Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, income, ethnicity, class, disability, religious creed or belief, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, English language proficiency, or ancestry in administration of its programs or activities. See the Siting Board’s Non-Discrimination Notice at: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/efsb-non-discrimination-notice-and-grievance-procedure.

If you believe that you have been discriminated against with respect to a Siting Board program or activity, you may contact Melixza Esenyie (identified above) to learn how and where to file a complaint of discrimination.

Contact

For further information about the proceeding, please contact the Presiding Officer at the address or telephone number below:

Connor Tarr, Presiding Officer Energy Facilities Siting Board One South Station Boston, MA 02110 Connor.C.Tarr@mass.gov (617)305-3596

Project Description

The Company proposes to expand its existing Blandford Substation located on approximately 2.8 acres of Company owned land at 79 North Blandford Road in Blandford. To accommodate the new and upgraded substation equipment, the fenced yard would be expanded from approximately 0.65 acres to 1.13 acres. Additionally, the Company would remove 4,000 square feet of trees.

The proposed expansion at Blandford Substation includes replacing a 30 megavolt-ampere (“MVA”) transformer and a 25 MVA transformer with two 62.5 MVA transformers; installing new foundations, trenching and conduits, a new 23 kilovolt (“kV”) switchgear enclosure, two new 115 kV circuit breakers in series, and a new galvanized chain link mesh fence of similar height to the existing fence; and constructing a new access driveway off of North Blandford Road. The Company states that the expansion would be conducted in phases to allow the Blandford Substation to remain in service during construction, and it anticipates that construction would last about 18 months.

According to the Company, the Project, at an estimated cost of \$64.5 million, is needed for the timely and cost-effective development and interconnection of distributed generation, and to maintain a reliable electric power system. The Project is a component of the Company’s Capital Investment Project proposal, which the Department of Public Utilities approved, with certain modifications. See NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 22-52 (2024). 01/22, 01/29/2026

Middlefield Massachusetts 01243 or can be sent by mail to the Middlefield Town Administrative Assistant, Mark Doane at P.O. Box 238 Middlefield, Ma 01243. Proposals should be clearly marked as such on the exterior of the envelope.

RFPs will be opened in the Select Board Office located in the Middlefield Town Hall 188 Skyline Trail Middlefield, MA 01243 on Wednesday February 4, 2026, at 2:00 P. M. A completed Non-Collusive Affidavit, Certificate of State Tax Compliance, completed Reference List, and a completed Commonwealth of Massachusetts Standard Designer Application Form for Municipalities and Public Agencies not within DSB Jurisdiction that is attached are required with the RFP Proposal. Questions should be directed to the Town Administrative Assistant at: middlefield.assistant@gmail.com. or by phone: 413-623-2079 Ext. 2. The deadline for questions on the documents is 11:00 A.M. on Monday January 26, 2026. 01/15, 01/22/2026

HUNTINGTON Public Hearing Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:00 PM FY 2024 CDBG Progress Hearing, Re-Programming Funds Hearing and FY 2026 CDBG Application Forum

The Town of Huntington, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a performance hearing regarding the town’s ongoing FY24 Community Development Block Grant Programs, Re-programming of remaining funds hearing in the FY24 grant, and a public forum regarding the

FY2026 CDBG application. The hearing will take place at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in person at the Town Hall, 24 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050.

The hearing will review the project funded through the town’s FY24 Community Development Block Grant Program including Stanton Avenue infrastructure improvements and how the Town will re-program remaining funds in the grant post completion of construction. This activity received funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Massachusetts CDBG program.

This hearing will also serve as the first public forum to solicit community input on potential activities to be included in a potential Huntington FY26 Community Development Block Grant application. All community members and stakeholders are invited to share thoughts on potential CDBG-eligible activities to be included.

All persons with questions or comments regarding the performance hearing will have an opportunity to submit comments up until and through the public hearing. Please submit comments to Sarah Maroney at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission @ smaroney@pvpc.org or 413-781-6045. Persons who require special accommodation should contact the Town prior to the hearing date at 413-667-3500. 01/15, 01/22/2026

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