

## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT KATJANA BALLANTYNE MAYOR

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## **MEMO**

To: Somerville Redevelopment Authority

From: Ben Demers, Economic Development Planner,

OSPCD - Economic Development Division

Date: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

RE: Eversource request for easement overall SRA-owned Parcel 96-A-43

Eversource is requesting an easement from the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) through a portion of Parcel 96-A-43, which the SRA owns. This is a long, thin parcel that runs adjacent to 600 Windsor Place along Windsor Place in Boynton Yards. (See Exhibit A for the map of the parcel.) The requested easement will allow Eversource to install underground transmission lines across the parcel, which will allow these lines to be brought from north of the MBTA Green Line tracks further into Boynton Yards. (See Exhibit B for the easement map.)

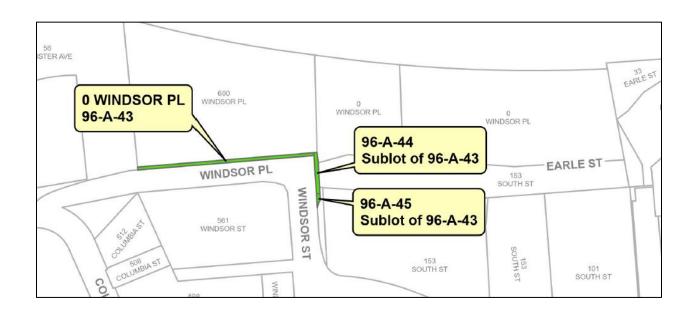
The specific language of the easement is still being finalized by Eversource and City staff. However, a vote is being requested at the March SRA general meeting on whether or not to grant the general easement, which will allow the work to move forward once language is finalized by staff. A representative from Eversource will join the SRA for their March meeting to answer any questions from board members.

Following an affirmative vote by the SRA, staff will finalize easement documentation, and then the Chair of the SRA will sign this documentation on behalf of the SRA. The Secretary of the SRA will also need to sign a certified copy of the SRA vote, which will be attached to the easement.

If the SRA later conveys this property to the City, as has been discussed at recent SRA meetings, the parcel will become part of the right-of-way and staff will be able to provide Eversource with this access. Staff do not foresee any conflicts in this process.



## Exhibit A: Image depicting Parcel 96-A-43.



## **Exhibit B: Map of requested Eversource easement.**

