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New battery storage site proposed

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“The **Tewksbury Select Board met on March 4, 2025** at town hall.

The board entered executive session to discuss future redevelopment of the Trahan School property.

Following executive session, **the board reviewed a proposed battery storage project off of Old Boston Road at Hillman and Rockland Streets.** Tyler Rynne of **East Point Energy** explained that the project will help store energy from the grid so it can be deployed at high-need times.

Rynne said the site would not add significant traffic and could help lower energy costs for residents. He reviewed the company’s fire safety and contingency planning policies, including first responder training that would incorporate development of a custom emergency response plan with the fire department.”

“East Point plans to continue meeting with town staff and will work on engagement and outreach opportunities for the public with a hearing scheduled for later in the month for residents to ask questions and learn more about the project. The 4.5 acre industrially-zoned site will be monitored 24/7, and can store enough energy to power 125,000 homes for four hours.

The company is conducting a sound study and results have been within standard levels.

Members asked about impacts on the adjacent wetlands. Rynne said at existing sites, no contamination of the surrounding environment has been detected. In addition, sites are designed so that fires cannot spread from building to building; the company uses standards set by the National Fire Prevention Association.”