

It's Crunch Time for the Lithium Opposition!

To the many Tewksbury residents who have signed the petition against a Lithium-ion Storage Site in Tewksbury, here is an update. On September 19, 2025, our Town officials received a 2,274 signature petition. The signature petition was accompanied by a letter to the Select Board which appears below. Additional signatures continue to arrive daily. There is a **Public Hearing on Thursday, October 9th at 6:30 pm in the Tewksbury Memorial High School Auditorium.** All signatures will be handed to the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) at this meeting.

Many have asked: "When do we get to vote on this?". There is no vote. The decision is now at the State level and will be made by the EFSB sometime after the Public Hearing. Your attendance at the Public Hearing on Oct.9th is critical to show that you care about the safety and well-being of Tewksbury's residents. It is imperative that you be there. Let your presence be felt. Keep Tewksbury safe.

Select Board Members,

Attached you will find a 2,274 signature petition against "Lithium-ion Storage Site near homes, day-care centers or assisted living facilities". The original petition sheets will be given to the EFSB at the public Hearing on Oct. 9th. The file contains signatures of Tewksbury citizens, x-referenced by page and line number in a second file, and a third file which x-references the file by name and address. Check them randomly to get a feeling of its correctness. The x-ref is right on. You may find errors in my ability to correctly interpret a signers name or address, but the point is that there are 2,274 Tewksbury citizens who oppose the Lithium-ion storage site. The 2,274 signatures represent 8.9% of the 26,631 registered voters in Tewksbury in 2024. It also represents 7.2% of Tewksbury's current population of 31,733.

Your primary job as Select Board members is the safety and well-being of Tewksbury's citizens. All else is secondary. To say you are neutral regarding the Lithium-ion storage site, merely says you are doing absolutely nothing to stop it. I want someone with strong convictions representing me in government, someone with the courage to stand for

his/her convictions. I may not always agree with those convictions, but it is preferable to "someone that just remains neutral". Remember, voters have a long memory and 2,274 is a high percentage of any town election.

It's also interesting that there is no information on the electronic board in the town center about a public meeting at the high school auditorium on Oct. 9th at 6:30 pm (for the Hillman Energy Center LLC's lithium-ion battery storage site). I get the impression that you are withholding information from the citizens of Tewksbury, citizens who you serve. If you are indeed neutral, perhaps this is the nudge that you need to make sure that the notice of the Public Hearing is on the electronic board in the town center.

*Robert Schleicher
Tewksbury Resident
September 19, 2025*