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## Josh Lewin Quoted in Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly’s “Town can’t block power lines under unused rail trail”

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The Town of Sudbury recently tried to use the “prior public use” doctrine to block a deal between NSTAR Electric Co. (Eversource Energy) and the MBTA. The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the doctrine could not be used to block the deal between the two companies, allowing them to install power lines under an unused railway. *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* spoke with Josh Lewin, who represented NSTAR, about the case.

“Indeed, many, if not most, of the new private commercial buildings in the Seaport [District] were built on land owned by Massport,” he said. “In ruling as it did, the court no doubt was mindful of the tidal wave of litigation and havoc that would have ensued.”

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