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March 9th hearings on HB 648 & 649 start at Legislative Office Building at 10:15 and 1:30 the taking of property by eminent domain and any public utility that requests to NH PUC to take more than 10 miles of new ROWs via eminent domain if this bill passed would require an economic study before approval by local regional planning board. Both these bills are key to pushing back The Northern Pass. There will be a bus coming from area towns . For more information Call or email:Pam and Peter Martin have arranged for a bus that will take people to Concord March 9th . . The cost will be 7.50 each (350) but they need confirmation from people wishing to go on it . The Bus will stop in Campton, Plymouth Ashland and Tilton . Leaving 8:30 and wil return at 4. Please call them at 536-6393 to secure a seat. or email Martha Richards at [maple@lr.net](mailto:maple@lr.net)

For those that are frustrated by not being able to attend the public hearings on the house bills on March 9th but wish to be heard , below is a list of the members of the committee that will hear both bills. If you wish to take a stand an email or a fax to one or all of them will get recognized : Their email addresses can be found at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/housemembersemail.aspx>

### House SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

**Secretary:** Carol Stapler **Phone:** 271-3369  
**Researcher:** Joel Anderson **Location:** RM 304 LOB

*Committee Members:*

**Chairman:** James Garrity(r)

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Town Meetings begin on the 8th of March . It is important if your town does not have a warrant article opposing the Northern Pass that someone in your town propose this as Other Business. Since this is not an appropriation your moderator wil likely approve such an insertion at this time. Below is the language you can take with you to make sure your town weighs in on this . We know that Rumney does not have this on the ballot but there are other towns . So take this with you to town meeting and submit it, if it is not on your warrant please. The Governor said that if the towns do not want it he will not shove this down our throats at one of his meetings with the opposition - Lets show him at Town meeting that we say and mean NO

To see if the Town will vote to register and disseminate to all concerned its objection, opposition and commitment to stop the construction of any portion of the 1200 Megawatt High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ as presently proposed by Northeast Utilities, NStar and Hydro-Quebec since such a huge scar constructed and erected through and above the Town's treasured residential and scenic private properties will cause inestimable damage to the orderly economic development of the Town, its economy, and the health and wellbeing of its residents; or to take any other action relative thereto

The DOE public scoping process remains under a cloud with the selection of Normandeau Associates as the environmental contractor. Please consider writing a respectful letter to Energy Secretary Chu asap requesting an expeditious resolution of the matter. The first public comment hearing is just ten days away, March 14, and 20 of the 60 days allotted to this first phase, for public input, have expired. Email is the preferred form of communication; address and other details are in the link below.

<http://burynorthernpass.blogspot.com/p/orange-umbrella-page.html>

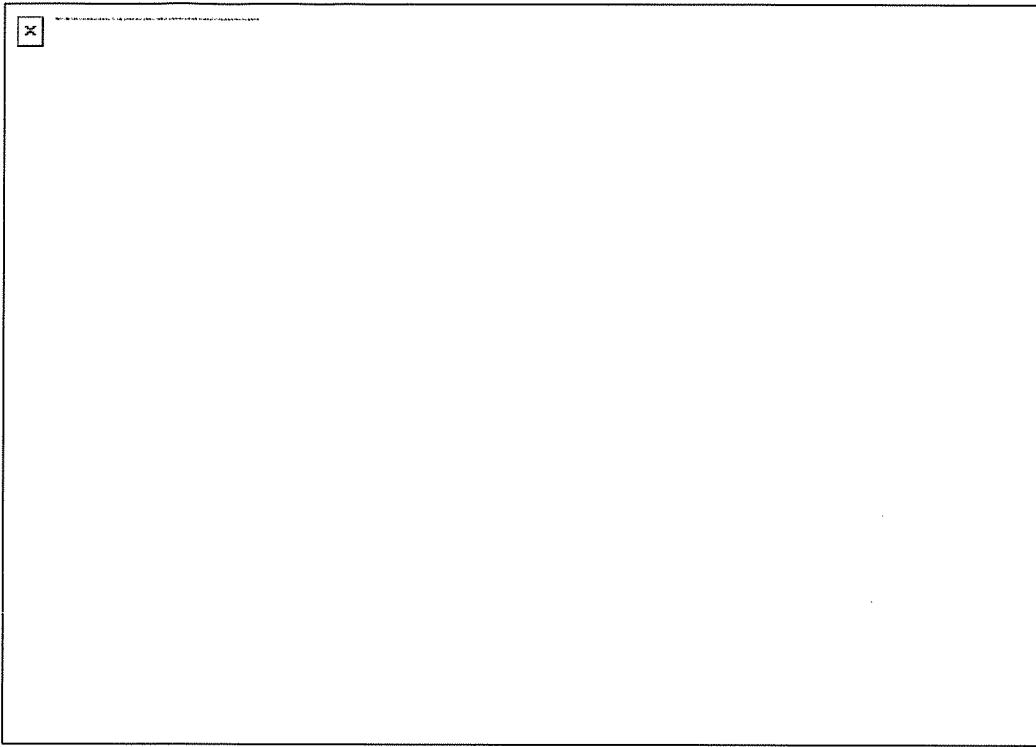
HAVERHILL, N.H. — At the request of New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, the U.S. Department of Energy is hosting an additional hearing on a proposed power project in Haverhill.

**Northern Pass Transmission Scoping Meetings**

Location	Address	Date and Time
Pembroke, NH	Pembroke Academy cafeteria 209 Academy Road Pembroke, NH 03275	Monday, March 14, 6-9 pm
Franklin, NH	Franklin Opera House 316 Central Street Franklin, NH 03235	Tuesday, March 15, 6-9 pm
Lincoln, NH	The Mountain Club on Loon, Hancock Room 90 Loon Mountain Road Lincoln, NH 03251	Wednesday, March 16, 6-9 pm
Whitefield, NH	Mountain View Grand Hotel and Resort, Presidential Room 101 Mount View Road Whitefield, NH 03598	Thursday, March 17, 6-9 pm
Plymouth, NH	<b>Plymouth State University, Silver Center, 114 Maine St. Plymouth, NH</b>	Friday, March 18, 6-9 pm
Colebrook, NH	Colebrook Elementary School 27 Dumont Street Colebrook, NH 03576	Saturday, March 19, 1-4 pm
<b>Haverhill, NH</b>	<b>Haverhill Cooperative Middle School 175 Morrill Drive North Haverhill, NH</b>	<b>Sunday, March 20, 1-4 pm</b>

Please note that there is now a 7th hearing (Haverhill)

From Jan At Marvel Here is a picture of Campton Meeting



From Alicia Abbott of Holderness more information on The Campton meeting with NH. Alicia thank you for taking the time to write to add your comments for everyone to read.

Hi Darlene, my name is Alicia Abbott and I attended the March 3rd, Northern Pass meeting in Campton with Martha Richards and other of our Holderness neighbors. My husband, Will Abbott, forwarded your update to me and I thought I would pass on some of my own notes to you.

First, the three PSNH folks were Don Chase, Laurel Brown and Donna Gamache. Donna is indeed the PSNH lobbyist and is registered as such with the Sec. of State's office. Just a personal note, I almost felt bad for Don and Laurel; it must be a horrible job to walk into a room of approx 130 people all who see you as the enemy. That being said their lack of information was quite frustrating. As for our lobbyist friend, I found her attitude to be dismissive and condescending. I was very pleased when, near the end of the meeting, a fellow commented on her not standing to address the group and on her taking our concerns so lightly. It was indeed heartwarming to have her called on the carpet for her rudeness.

The one light moment of the evening occurred when the very late PSNH group were attempting to set up their laptop and projector. I was seated right next to their set up and overheard Don and Laurel's anxious exchange on how their 'power strip' wouldn't work. The irony of the 'power utility' representatives not able to get their power strip to work....priceless!

A few thoughts on questions asked:

1. Whether the existing 2000 MW, DC line that comes down from HQ through VT and western NH - this route was the first to be considered two years ago, yet today they won't say whether it can be 'upgraded' and rather only talk about erecting an additional set of towers and lines. Don stated that that route would have too much impact on property owners and conservation lands. Is this because to upgrade the existing lines would mean a brief stoppage in transmission, thus costing HQ stockholders \$\$? Or, is it, as I have heard in some discussions, because VT will not negotiate with HQ again after their recent, very negative experience?
2. I was very pleased with the question by the young woman in the peach/orange sweater regarding the list,

found in their 'propaganda packet', of the supposed tax benefits that towns could expect to receive. She asked if depreciation of the towers over time was taken into consideration. This list also makes no mention of the loss of assessed value each town would see face if the project were to get approval. The questioner than said "how dare you put out this list".

3. On the issue of jobs I found it interesting that Donna started by talking about the 1200 local jobs that would be created and then when people expressed their doubts she started saying "1200 new jobs a year". I assume these would be the same 'jobs' but by changing her statement to 1200 "a year" made me wonder if it was an attempt exaggerate the number of jobs. Also, when one woman, noting that the NP literature suggests that some of the new jobs would be in the hospitality business, stated that most 'local' workers go HOME after work and don't stay in motels. Donna responded "Well, they drink coffee don't they" I found this response as incredibly flippant.

Finally, I just have to say that this 3+ hour meeting was maddening. PSNH is not at all interested in providing citizens with useful information. This was simply a dog and pony show that left me asking more questions at 9:30 pm than at 6:00 pm...oops, 6:30 pm when it started!

Thanks for your update and keep up the fight!

Alicia

On Chichester Meeting here is comment from David Dobbins

Opposition member Dave Dobbins, Gilford, sent in this report from the 11-1/2 hour PSNH info meeting in Chichester on March 1: *I attended the "Northern Pass Informational Meeting" last night in Chichester and was encouraged. Bluntly put, the people there do NOT want this Project in their town and some commented that it was going to harm our state with not enough benefit to make it worth the damage. I counted 48 persons in attendance not including the three people from NP/PSNH and the selectman of the Town. This was actually a Selectman's Meeting and the first portion was the presentation by the NP that was supposed to last "about 20 minutes". The actual presentation was about 20 minutes but when opened to questions, it was rather lengthy – I think that portion ended about 8:45 pm and even then the Selectmen stopped the question period because they had other regular business to conduct They (NP) also seem to be trying to minimize the height of the towers saying that some of what may go through Chichester would likely be H-style built from wood at a height of 80'. At one point, they disputed the poster of the tower (with the spruce tree!) and said that is not the type of tower that was planned. When pressed on tower heights, the stock answer came that for the AC portion the towers would be 80' to 135' depending on terrain and width of ROW, and the DC tower heights would be between 90' and 135' depending on terrain and width of RO One thing that was clear though is that they keep stressing using existing ROWs wherever possible and Concord attorney Ray D'Amante even encouraged them to run towers through ROWs that are on his business property in Concord rather than create new ones through the beautiful scenery in Concord (people applauded this). The real tough part of some of the details of this fight will be about existing ROWs because for many folks this is seen as so much less intrusive. However, there has been no detail forthcoming from NP about modifications needed in all of these ROWS. We need to press on this issue." - Dave*

From Gail Darrell comes this

When the boys craft their spin, they collaborate. Well in advance of the public knowledge of the Pass, they have carefully crafted the message to be one of JOBS, tax savings, renewable power, green energy projects and savings - on taxes and energy for real NH people.

Our message must also be clear - because once spoken, it will be remembered.

For me, the message is not about setbacks, height of towers, renewable energy portfolios, tax credits or beneficial and cheaper energy accessibility.

The message is - especially in the light of Egypt, Lybia, Tunisia, etc. - who governs? The people who pay taxes and live in NH, who have protected their lands for generations, who vote and work here, or corporations who can twist law to their advantage? When the people who live here say "no" to the Northern Pass, is it legitimate that the state can come in on behalf of the corporate entities (public utilities) to take those properties by eminent domain claiming it is for the public good - even when the public live elsewhere?

At the Legal Defense Fund, our message is who decides? Are we self - governing people or serfs on our own land who can lose it at the behest of the state?

Sometimes we find that since the boys have so much practice in the regulatory arena, the concerns of the public get lost in rhetoric and data and get quickly run out and exhausted by the process. Returning to the real frame, local control, takes the issue to another level - one that we need to focus on if we are to remain true to our most fundamental ideals about original authority.

My two cents.

Thanks for the update, it is great that we are all in touch.

Gail

Gary Long comment to the Keene Sentinel. Comments from those of you that wish to make them known can be made at the end of this article : [http://sentinelsource.com/articles/2011/03/02/opinion/columnists/free/id\\_429322.txt](http://sentinelsource.com/articles/2011/03/02/opinion/columnists/free/id_429322.txt)

Valerie will be putting an op ed into the Manchester union Leader about House Bill 648 on Eminent Domain. Anyone wishing to sign as a petition may send her your name, address email , phone and affiliation(or just name and address) to : [infnorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com](mailto:infnorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com)

From Representative Smith comes this :

Regarding how power is bought and sold and how the price is set, a couple of weeks ago, the Concord Monitor in their editorial supporting Northern Pass (grrr) did at least explain how the price for power is set.

Bridgewater Power Plant (biomass) is in a quandary now because the price they are being paid is so low that they can barely keep operating. Once HQ is in, the price being paid for power will be even lower so small operations and hydro, biomass, wind and other local energy will be so low that these people will have to close down their businesses. Then we will not have any local power – but you probably know all of this.

See you in concord on the 9<sup>th</sup>!

Suzanne

Rep. Suzanne Smith, Grafton District 7

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House Environment & Agriculture Committee

20 Brookside Lane

Hebron, NH 03241

House bill 118 has finally been scheduled : Remember while Representative Rappaport is listed as sponsoring this bill, this is the bill that erroneously got his name - he does not support this bill.

We finally got word from Rep. Larry Rappaport on SP118 which will **have a hearing before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday, March 17th at 9:15am at the Legislative Office Building 102.**

See a copy of the bill below. The sponsors are Senator John Gallus and Rep. Larry Rappaport who will request that his sponsorship be removed.

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For more information on the SB 118 go to

[http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/bill\\_status.aspx?lsr=1037&sy=2011&sortoption=&txtsessionyear=2011&txtbillnumber=SB118&q=1](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/bill_status.aspx?lsr=1037&sy=2011&sortoption=&txtsessionyear=2011&txtbillnumber=SB118&q=1)

## **SB 118 – AS INTRODUCED**

2011 SESSION

11-1037

06/03

### **SENATE BILL *118***

AN ACT modifying the definition of renewable generation facility.

SPONSORS: Sen. Gallus, Dist 1; Rep. Rappaport, Coos 1

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

### **ANALYSIS**

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven*

AN ACT modifying the definition of renewable generation facility.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 Definition of Renewable Generation Facility. Amend RSA 72:73 to read as follows:

72:73 Definition of Renewable Generation Facility. In this subdivision, "renewable generation facility" means a facility which produces electric energy for resale solely by the use, as a primary energy source, of renewable energy [~~as defined in RSA 374-F:3, V(f)(3)~~], ***or a participant-funded electric transmission line designed primarily to transmit renewable electric energy of a design rating in excess of 200 kilovolts that is in excess of 100 miles in length***, including the land, all rights, easements, and other interests thereto, and all dams, buildings, structures, and other improvements situated thereon which are necessary or incidental to the production ***or transmission*** of power at the facility.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage

603-744-9064

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<http://www.revisionenergy.com/blog/northern-pass-project-powerlines-bypass-local-solar-energy-in-favor-of-massive-infrastructure/>

