

From: David Jodoin [<mailto:djodoin@pembroke-nh.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Monroe, Pamela
Subject: Northern Pass
Importance: High

Good Morning,

I am sure that you have been receiving a lot of correspondence with regards to Northern Pass.

The Selectmen here in Pembroke requested that I send off to you information on where Pembroke stands on this matter.

This issue first came before the Town in 2011 at our Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 12 – (By Petition) We, The undersigned residents and registered voters of the Town of Pembroke do hereby submit the following petition for Town Meeting vote: 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 new portion of the high voltage transmission line that deviates from the alignment of the present existing right of ways in the Town of Pembroke NH 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, and the health and wellbeing of its residents; or to take any other action relative thereto.

This was a very hot topic and the voters overwhelmingly approved the article.

Since 2011, the Board has met with representatives on numerous occasions and re-iterated the will of the voters.

Again in March of 2014 at Town Meeting the following article came forward. This too was passed with a resounding yes.

ARTICLE 15 - To see if the Town of Pembroke shall state its opposition to any new overhead development of alternating current and direct current high voltage transmission lines within its borders; and in turn manifest the Town's strong preference for the burial of such lines, in a manner consistent with state and federal requirements, under rights of way and power line corridors now existing or to be established. Although burial in all instances is preferred, this statement of opposition shall not apply to distribution lines carrying electrical power and other utility lines, such as telephone and cable television, for Town residential or commercial use.

This message has been passed on to the Northern Pass representatives on numerous times.

On November 2nd, Northern Pass met with the Selectmen at Pembroke Academy. That meeting was attended by a very large crowd who continued to deliver the message to Northern Pass. Bury the lines. We are opposed to anything else.

A question was asked as to why they are burying the lines up North, and their comment was they listened to the people who wanted to preserve the beauty. Pembroke's response was what about the beauty in the Northern part of Town that will be destroyed. So you are saying you care more about the north country then you do here.

So as you can see the public here in Pembroke has not changed their opinion on the project. The public continues to be opposed to any new towers and lines that are not buried.

Sincerely,

David M. Jodoin
Pembroke Town Administrator/Tax Collector