

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2015-06

**Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission, LLC
and Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility**

**PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JUDY WELCH ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN
OF WOODSTOCK**

November 15, 2016

1 **Background and Qualifications**

2 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

3 A. My name is Judy Welch. My address is 46 Bell Street, North Woodstock, NH.

4 **Q. Please describe your official capacity for the Town of Woodstock?**

5 A. I have been the Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen since 2011.

6 **Purpose of Testimony**

7 **Q. What is the purpose of this prefiled direct testimony?**

8 A. My testimony is being presented to introduce the results of a Town Meeting vote
9 in opposition to the Northern Pass Project. I enclose the results of the 2011 Town Meeting vote
10 whereby the residents of town unanimously voiced their opposition to the Northern Pass Project.
11 The Board of Selectmen are also in opposition to the project for the reasons stated in the Board's
12 Motion to Intervene.

13 **Q. Does this end your testimony?**

14 A. Yes.

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
Woodstock, New Hampshire
March 8, 2011

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Moderator D. Kenneth Chapman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Doris Roth to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant and to open the polls, seconded by Marion Walsh – unanimous affirmative vote. Polls were closed at 6:00 p.m.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting

1. All cell phones must be shut off;
2. Speakers must stand and identify themselves;
3. Only registered voters may speak and vote;
4. Anyone not a registered voter wishing to address an issue may do so only with the permission of the Moderator;
5. Motions for reconsideration must be made immediately after the vote is announced on the article;
6. The Moderator's rules can be challenged or overruled by the voters.

So moved by Daniel Garipay, seconded by Paul Rand.
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept rules.

**Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing:
1 Selectman, 1 Fire Chief, 1 Library Trustee, 1 Trustee of Trust Fund, 3 Cemetery Trustee, 3 Budget Committee, 2 Planning Board, 3 Floodplain Board of Adjustment.**

Selectman for Three Years (vote for one)

Gil Rand	163
Robert McAfee	32

Fire Chief for One Year (vote for one)

William R. Mellett	171
Thomas Sabourn	5

Library Trustee for Three Years (vote for one)

Deborah Showalter	184
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Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years (vote for one)

Brad K. Wilkinson	170
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So moved by Daniel Garipay, seconded by Paul Rand.

The Moderator received a request for a secret ballot signed by six registered voters.

Article 2 defeated. (68 No Votes – 13 Yes Votes)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to voice 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 Woodstock as presently proposed by Northeast Utilities, NStar, and Hydro-Quebec. As proposed, the transmission line appears to create a huge scar through the Town's treasured residential and scenic private properties, which the Town believes will cause inestimable damage to the orderly economic development of the Town, its economy, and the health and wellbeing of its residents.

So moved by Susan Young, seconded by William Mellett.
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 3.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Jack Richardson, seconded by Alfred Simensen.
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 4.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Water Department Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Sherry Hoover, seconded by Jay Polimeno.
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 5.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be placed in the existing Library Computer Expendable Trust Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Judith Boyle, seconded by Victoria Downes-Etchings.
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 6.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Main Street Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

So moved by Marty Talbot, seconded by Sherry Hoover.
Unanimous affirmative vote to accept Article 7.