

Update northcountrypowerline@gmail.com March 14, 2011

Town Petition Results as of 3/12/11

Bath - unanimous - also raised \$1500

Bethlehem – opposed 399 – 218

Bridgewater – opposed to Northern Pass

Campton – all against NP

Chichester – opposed to Northern Pass

Clarksville – unanimous opposed

Colebrook - unanimous - everyone stood up in opposition as they voted!

Columbia - 65 opposed, 9 for Northern Pass

Dalton – unanimously opposed

Easton – unanimously opposed - also raised \$2500

Effingham – Resolution to write to Governor

Lynch opposition to Northern Pass

Holderness –unanimously opposed to Northern Pass

Jefferson – unanimous on voice vote

Lancaster - 150+ unanimously opposed, 2 for

Landaff – unanimously opposed, raised \$4000

Lisbon –passed over the bill since it was non-binding

Littleton – opposed to Northern Pass

Northumberland – voted unanimously against Northern Pass

Orford – unanimous against Northern Pass

Pittsburg - all opposed to Northern Pass except one for

Stewartstown – all opposed to Northern Pass except one for

Stratford - all opposed to Northern Pass except one for

Sugar Hill – unanimously opposed

Thornton – opposed to Northern Pass

Wentworth – unanimously opposed to Northern Pass

Woodstock – unanimously opposed to Northern Pass

NH Public TV Outlook

In case you missed NH Public TV's Outlook with a discussion on Northern Pass with Charlie Jordan facing off against Gary Long and Edith Tucker, it will be archived this week. We think you will find the interchange quite interesting. It took place at the Sunset Hill House in Sugar Hill.

To access the archive go to:

http://www.nhptv.org/outlook/sprogramdate.asp?prog_num_id=1721

Here's the promo from the website for the program which will air several more times before it's archived.

Northern Pass

Fri. 3/11 @ 6:00pm, Sun. 3/13 @ 9:30am, Mon. 3/14 @ 5:30am and 6:00pm, Tues. 3/15 @ 1:00am
Sunset Hill House in Sugar Hill, NH is a peaceful country inn. It's one of many businesses and people that are on the front lines of a growing battle in northern New Hampshire. There is a proposed

transmission line that would go from Quebec through New Hampshire all the way to Massachusetts. What does this mean for the state of New Hampshire and how would it affect our economy and tourism? Our panel this week includes Charlie Jordan, Editor of the Colebrook Chronicle, Gary Long, President and Chief Operating Officer of Public Service of NH, and Edith Tucker, Reporter for the Coos County Democrat.

From Kevin Landrigan's column in the Nashua Telegraph Sunday, March 13 – Bury HB648?

Sent in by an opposition friend an article from the Nashua Telegraph on the decision made by the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee regarding HB648 and the issue of eminent domain. Note O'Brien is the Speaker of the House. Decide what it means for you.

Energy questions

Public Service Co. of New Hampshire ducked the bullet last week, but its Northern Pass hydroelectric project isn't out of the woods yet.

Lobbyists for PSNH furiously tried to convince the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee to kill legislation that would block any eminent domain takings for the massive transmission effort that would bring high-altitude lines from the Canadian border to Rockingham County.

The panel wasn't about to do that, but they did the next best thing from PSNH's perspective, agreeing to retain the bill on a 13-5 vote.

O'Brien assured committee members that he wants the bill to pass, but that the language needs more legal work.

Whatever his desires, the House leader is hemmed in by the 2010 campaign in which state GOP leaders made the protection of property rights a major campaign plank.

NORTH COUNTRY NEWS

Colebrook Chronicle News This Week

Get caught up with developments of the opposition to Northern Pass in the North Country by checking out the Colebrook Chronicle Website at <http://www.colebrookchronicle.com/> Each week they post the newspaper on line along with a video of weekly event.

The weekly Chronicle Video is filled with news of Northern Pass opposition from last weekend's Snodeo to the hearings before the House Science Technology and Energy Committee on March 9th for HB 648 sponsored by Representative Larry Rappaport. Watch NP opposition speakers including North Country youth testifying before the committee. The house committee decided to study HB 648 further before moving it to the entire General Court.

You'll also find videos of two opposition songs. One by **George Jacques** called "For a Few Dollars More" and one by **Katie Rose** "Live Free or Die". Go to the Chronicle Website at <http://www.colebrookchronicle.com/>

Then click on a copy of the Chronicle and read all the news of the week.

Northern Pass Opposition Leaders on Brian "Bulldog" Tilton's Radio Show

"Bulldog Live with Brian Bulldog Tilton" has featured several Northern Pass Opposition Leaders on his morning radio talk show this past week. Bulldog is live daily on 107.7 The Pulse. There are interviews with Russ and Kathy Johnson, Bob Baker and Rick Samson. The show also has other programs archived on the same page. Go to <http://www.briantilton.com/NorthernPass.html> and scroll down to the bottom of the page for all past Northern Pass focused show. The issue of eminent domain is one that many of Bulldog's listeners are interested in and welcome more information on.

You will also find other articles and videos along with a schedule of the scoping hearings on the same Northern Pass page.

T Shirts T Shirts

Every time we look there's another wonderful creative T Shirt design. We have word from Colebrook of another designer. Perhaps some of us will have No Pass T Shirt collections that we can archive and sell on EBay as historical artifacts in 10 years when win and people will ask "what is Northern Pass?" From a member a message below.

"Allie White, has a graphic design business, Hazardous Design, and has created a great t-shirt for the Northern Pass opposition. They are available at Jamie's Boutique or The Blossom Shop; both are on Main Street in Colebrook, or by calling Allie at [603-391-2680](tel:603-391-2680) or me at [603-237-4359](tel:603-237-4359). Thought it would be a good idea to get the word out before the March 19th meeting!!!"

Senate Ayotte's Staffers to Cover all Scoping Hearings

This message from Bury Northern Pass, our friends in Northern Grafton County opposed to the power line:

As a measure of the importance of this week's scoping meetings, Senator Ayotte's staff notified Brian Mills of the DOE on March 4 that it will attend all seven meetings, as follows in the email below (posted on the EIS site). I am copying Simon Thomson on this email to extend our thanks to the Senator and to her staff for making this effort, which complements her joint action with Senator Shaheen on February 22-23 to resolve the conflict of interest concern about Normandeau. I believe that Senator Shaheen's staff will also attend all seven meetings, and we appreciate that support too.

From: Thomson, Simon (Ayotte) [mailto: Simon_Thomson@ayotte.senate.gov] **Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 4:36 PM **To:** Mills, Brian **Cc:** Fitch, Bud (Ayotte); Leach, Andy (Ayotte) **Subject:** Northern Pass Scoping Meeting Coverage

Brian,

I wanted to let you know that the Senator would like to have a member of her staff attend each of the scoping meetings. Below is a list of the staff members who will be attending each meeting.

March 14-Pembroke- Susan Terzakis

March 15-Franklin- Susan Terzakis

March 16-Lincoln- Bud Fitch

March 17-Whitefield- Simon Thomson

March 18-Plymouth- Simon Thomson

March 19-Colebrook- Andy Leach

March20-Haverhill- Bud Fitch

Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Simon P. Thomson

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Does Northern Pass Know How Many Properties must be "Taken"?

This email from Tom Duggan sent to Darlene King sent with his permission to share with others. It is another testimony on what was observed at the House Committee on Science, Technology and Energy on March 9th for HB648 and HB649. This is in regards to eminent domain and what Northern Pass knows.

Tom's message below sent via Darlene King:

"Thanks for your write-up. I was there yesterday as well and generally agree with your observations. One thing that stuck in my mind was just how shameless these people are when they claim to not have information about something. Consider this:

"We are all at the State House to debate a bill that would restrict their ability to

take land by Eminent Domain. During the course of the Northern Pass testimony, they had multiple attorneys with experience in power projects testify about the state and federal permitting process, they had testimony showing expensive computer generated simulations of how the power lines would look on one person's land, they went on at length about the history of PSNH and how they can't remember the last time they had to use eminent domain... easily over an hour of combined blather. All of this from the company that has spent 2 years and millions of dollars studying and planning this project. However, when asked one very simple question that is absolutely at the core of the issue being discussed - "In order to build this project, how many properties would potentially have to be taken by eminent domain?" they stared blankly back and claimed to have no idea.

"The answer is hundreds and they know it. They know the exact number in each of the towns on each of the routes. They know the historical property values, the current property values, and the projected property values for when they take them. They have to - that number HAS to be accounted for in the project cost up front otherwise they'd never be able to sell this thing to their investors. The reality is that they probably know more about every one of the properties than the owners do. To claim that they don't even know how many there are is Absolutely Shameless.

Feel free to use that and you can attribute it to me as well."--Timothy Duggan

For more information contact infonorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com. If you have news be sure to send it on to us.