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Reminder About the Scoping Hearings from Bury Northern Pass!

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>

Revisioning Energy Web Site – There really are alternatives.

A well-written piece with a good "visual" of what the lines will do the natural landscape:

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

We guess that the big utilities can't make big returns on their investments if they promote solar voltaic cells. Solar energy anyone?

Senator Ayotte instrumental in arranging scoping hearing in Haverhill.

This AP Bulletin appeared yesterday and was sent to us by one of our opposition friends. Please take a minute to send a message to Senator Ayotte and thank her for her help.

You can go to <http://www.contactingthecongress.org/cgi-bin/newmemberbio.cgi?lang=&member=NHJR&site=ctc>

Or <http://ayotte.senate.gov/>

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.

A federal permit is required for the Northern Pass project, which would provide hydroelectric power from Canada to New England. In addition to a hearing scheduled for March 20 in Haverhill, there will be six other public hearings around the state the previous week.

Ayotte says many North Country residents expressed concerns about the project when she visited the region last week

From Will Abbott a copy of an ad in the Plymouth Record signed by individuals opposed to Northern Pass. We thought you'd like to see it. (see Attachment) It's a bit late for Town Meeting but a wonderful idea for the Scoping Hearings and other times we are confronted with expressing the will of many people.

Check out the impact of ice on power lines – The Great Ice Storm of 1998.

Here's an excellent website from the CBD archives on the great ice storm of 1998 when there was a massive black out due to the weather bringing down the lines.

Go to:

http://archives.cbc.ca/environment/extreme_weather/topics/258/

From the website: "Canadians had never before endured a natural disaster like the ice storm of 1998. A difficult morning of car scraping quickly turned into a state of emergency from eastern Ontario to southern Quebec. Millions huddled in the dark by their fireplaces. Many suffered from hypothermia and carbon monoxide poisoning. Heavy ice sheets toppled huge power pylons and in just six days an electrical system that took decades to create was razed."

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Stratford Property Owner Seeks Restraining Order To Keep NP Off Her Land!

From our friends in Northern Grafton County: The March 4th print edition of the Union Leader, Lorna Colquhoun's "Project told to stay off land" reports that Stratford property owner Dr. Margaret Jones is seeking a restraining order to keep Northern Pass representatives off her land. The petition specifically names Phil Stearns of Caron's Gateway Real Estate in Groveton and the engineering firm Coler &

Colantonio, based in Norwell MA. Jones does not want to comment on the case in advance; the hearing is set for Monday. More info in due course.

News From Wentworth – Selectmen Vote to Oppose Northern Pass.

Wentworth selectmen vote to oppose Northern Pass, as reported in their letter to NH State Senator Jeanie Forester:

*Good morning Jeanie,
Wentworth’s Board of Selectmen had a public discussion last night on the subject of the Northern Pass project. There were many good points made by those in attendance, and at the conclusion the Board of Selectmen voted without dissent to officially oppose this project as currently constituted. An official correspondence is being prepared to send to your office and those of our State Representatives, Governor Lynch and Councilor Burton.*

At the end of the meeting I challenged everyone to do more than just protest energy and distribution projects. We all have the responsibility to improve the cost and availability of energy with practical and cost effective generation and distribution solutions, combined with good stewardship of our existing resources. Personal commitment to aggressive energy conservation in our homes and businesses is a good start. I thought it was important to discuss this as there were some in attendance that also actively opposed the Groton wind farm project.

They agreed that active participation in solutions to grow jobs and the economy are all our responsibilities.

Thank you for your leadership and interest on this issue.

Best regards,

Steve Davis Selectman Town of Wentworth

603 443-5219 days 603 764-5741 evenings

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What you can do if you can't attend the hearings on March 9th for HB 648 and HB 649.

If you are unable to attend hearings on March 9th, you may still comment. 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>

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Secretary: Carol Stapler Phone:271-3369

Researcher: Joel Anderson Location:RM 304 LOB

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Chairman: James Garret(r) Bills Currently in Committee

V. Chairman: Frank Holden(r) Bills Originally Referred to Committee

Clerk: Sam Cataldo(r) Mailing list of Committee Members

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William O'Connor (r) William Panek (r) James Parison (r)

James Summers (r) Naida Kaen (d) Jacqueline Cali-Pitts (d)

Robin Read (d) Nickolas Levasseur (d)

Talk on Northern Pass Scheduled for April 16 in Easton.

Will Abbott to speak on Northern Pass in Easton, April 16

Date: Saturday, April 16th

Time: 9:00 am

Easton Town Hall, Rte. 116 (6 miles south of Franconia)

Guest Speaker: Will Abbott, Vice President - Policy & Land Management
of SPNHF (Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests)

Topic: Northern Pass - "The Unanswered Questions"

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