

Infonorthcountrypowerline updates
Tuesday, December 7, 2010

On **Monday, December 13th** Alex Lee will be presenting "Is Big Hydro Green?" from 7 to 9 pm at the Colebrook Elementary School Cafeteria. Alex is an expert on environmental effects of large dams and transmission lines, especially greenhouse gas effects of hydro development". He says to "expect to come away from the session with more questions than answers". A time of discussion will follow the presentation. Participants will have an opportunity to voice their own questions, comments, and suggestions. The evening will also include an update on progress made by the Concerned Citizens. All are invited to come, learn and participate. The evening is sponsored by the Concerned Citizens and the Colebrook Select Board. Alex also works with Project Laundry List. You can view his web site at <http://www.laundrylist.org/>

Alex Lee will also give his presentation at the Franconia Town Hall on Tuesday, December 14th sponsored by Bury the Pass. Same times.

Fundraising Event

Don't miss this fun filled and supportive fund raiser on Saturday, December 18th from 8 to 1 at the Outback in W. Stewartstown. There will be classic rock with Ferguson Brown, Black Jack and Special Guests. Tell your friend and support our work.

Presidential Permit Comments and Application to be an Intervener

The December 16 deadline is fast approaching. Many people have decided to intervene in the Presidential Permit process at the Dept. of Energy. Note that both the Dept of Energy and the State Department must both approve the permit. Most likely the final ok will come from undersecretaries in each of those departments. . If you have not done so, take a few minutes to write a comment and express your concerns. If you need information on where to send it contact info.

Town Warrant Petitions

It's probably been a bit confusing with all the petitions going around but it's very important that each town have a petition on their town's warrant for next town meeting. We are hoping that every town along the route will agree with the petition that they do not want the power line in their town. There has been a bit of confusion between petitions but be sure that your town is covered. There is a draft petition which you can send for. We suggest you contact your town office to check on last date to bring it in (this seems to vary from January 1 to January 11th) and the actual number of **registered voters** from your town are needed to sign. Ten signatures is the usual number but it will be more powerful if you can get 25. Contact info if you have any questions.

The Town of Lancaster will finally have an information meeting. Since PSNH didn't schedule one there residents from the Lancaster area have arranged with the town selectmen to host an info meeting on Thursday, January 6th starting at 6. People from surrounding towns will be welcome to attend as well. Speakers on the path of the line in that area, health, legal and other issues will be discussed. People are invited to come with questions. So spread the word.

Good News from the Conservation Law Foundation, which has been working in our region since 1966 to support healthy communities and a clean natural environment. **They will be adding an attorney to their Concord office to assess the impact of the Northern Pass project on New Hampshire.** Their case

would be strengthened if they had more North Country members, so we encourage you to consider becoming a member, which can be done for as little as \$30.00. For more information go to:

<http://www.clf.org/>

<http://www.clf.org/donate/why-become-a-member/>

Plymouth Area: Our southern friends have been very successful in organizing. Many towns in the Plymouth area (Plymouth, Campton, Thornton, Holderness, Rumney, Woodstock, Ashland and Lincoln) are now on board and have been circulating petitions for their town warrants and writing comments or deciding to intervene in the Presidential Process. We've also heard the same exciting news from **Bury the Pass** in Northern Grafton County. Many residents Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill and environs have decided to intervene in the Presidential Permit process and are circulating town petitions.

New York Times article on the impact of solar flares on power lines: There is an interesting copy of a NY Times article from November on the potential impact of solar flares on electric power lines was sent in by Alex Lee. You might want to check it out at Reliability, safety, and reasonable rates do not stem from projects like The Northern Pass. See:

http://www.nytimes.com/imagepages/2010/11/17/business/17grid_graphic.html?ref=energy-environment.

They are burying the line in some places. This link is from Dick Harris: They will be burying a dc transmission line through New York to Connecticut. This is a fascinating article on how it can be done. It doesn't sound that complicated or hard. The link is <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Proposed-power-line-would-run-from-New-England-384228.php>