

Selectboard Special Meeting

Granite State Power Link

Davies Memorial Library

January 8, 2018

Attendees:

**Selectboard:** Gary Allard, Fred Saar

**Road Foreman:** Lisle Houghton

**Town Clerk:** Jessy Pelow

**Asst. Clerk:** Steve Eddy

**Treasurer:** Joanne Jurentkuff

**Citizens:** Kevin Gillander, Jeff Gingue, Dave Morrison, Howard Remick, Marcia Martel, John & Jennifer Smith, Mike Keach

**National Grid Representatives:** Alex Maclean, Shannon Baxevanis

**Granite State Power Link Project:** The developers for this project are GridAmerica Holdings & Citizens Energy. This project would deliver 1,200 MW of clean Canadian wind energy to New England. These lines would be co-located in existing transmission corridors stretching from Norton, VT to Monroe, NH, totaling 59 miles. In Waterford, there is currently a 200' right of way where transmission lines run, and these lines would add a 150' right of way expansion. With New England's energy constraints, driven by retiring fossil fuel generating plants, require fast cost-effective transmission solutions that will transport clean energy. Granite State Power Link is a solution to address that challenge and is positioned to minimize local & environmental impact, while bringing maximum benefit to host communities and the region. Economic benefits include, lower electricity costs in NH & VT by more than 1.8 billion in the first ten years, approximately 2,000 jobs created during peak construction, over \$990 million in state and local property tax revenues in NH & VT over project lifespan and energy assistance to low income families. Environment benefits include, the use of existing transmission corridors, minimizing environmental impact, helping New England states meet renewable energy & emissions reduction goals and 15.7 million tons of carbon reduction within the first ten years. Their schedule puts them for construction time of mid- 2020 to fall-2022 if the project is selected. The approval will be determined on January 25<sup>th</sup> and comes from a group of Massachusetts evaluators, including the all the MA electric distribution utilities and key state government agencies.

**Adjourn:** Gary made the motion to adjourn. Fred seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Approved:

Date:

Jessy Pelow

Town Clerk