



## Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016      **Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Pease Public Library - Plymouth, NH  
**1 Russell Street (off of Highland Street)**  
**(Downstairs Meeting Room)**

AGENDA (1/20/16)

7:00-7:05 Minutes

Review and approve minutes from November 24, 2015

7:05-7:20 Access to Pemi

The NH Public Water Access Advisory Board has requested we review their Pemi River access maps for accuracy and identify any additional access sites that we know are available. They also seek general comments on whether further access is needed, where, and how to bring that about. There are 5 maps of Pemi, Franklin to Woodstock, with site numbers identified.

7:20- Northern Pass

1. Review/comment on Phase 1 - Petition for Intervenor Status (copy attached).
2. Phase 2, outline our case – what do we want to accomplish; why? Here are some thoughts:

Is the power needed? – a) NH produces more electricity than it consumes b) VT route state approved, same capacity goes into NE grid c) link to Hydro-Quebec? d) Chamber of Commerce 900 signatures in favor e) fairness, no sacrifice in recipient states MA, CT, RI f) dollars leave state and country.

Water related – a) expand tree cutting within existing ROW [red lines] increased runoff implications b) shoreland erosion at crossovers c) herbicide use in ROW d) maintenance traffic damage in right of way (ROW) d) ROW wetlands damage e) 80% of NH's surface water impairments due to stormwater runoff/increased impervious

Viewscape – a) 10 new towers per ROW mile b) >75% new towers will be 80-125' range versus today's typical 55' c) sacrifice our landscapes/communities property values/abatements d) landowners bear burden e) visual aesthetics tied to economic future of our towns, businesses, tourism f) Pemi corridor prize regional tourist area.

3. Increased concerns about intervenor process:
  - a. Hearings are run like court trial. SEC is the jury. Intervenor is the prosecutor; NP is defendant. At Belknap county review 1/14 – SEC Counsel and NH Asst Attorney Gen recommended having counsel. Discuss.
  - b. Make our case through/with NH DES. Shoreland, A of T, Wetlands related.
  - c. Work with municipal organization

Plus – what's your town doing?

Other