SEE Notices Below!

- Northern Pass Information Selectmen requesting input from property owners and residents. Contact information to State and Federal Officials. Important date for public comment to Dept of Energy April 12th!
- New Hampton School offers free programs to children K-6
- Tax Collector/Town Clerk's Office closed April 12th
- Dog License renewals by April 30th
- Current Use application, Elderly & Blind Exemptions & Veterans Credit applications due April 15th.
- Low & Moderate Property Tax Relief by the State of NH
- Seeking volunteers for Boards, Committees and Commissions.

WELCOME TO THE "NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION"

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Fire Station. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Citizen.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the "word out" about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to <u>blucas@new-hampton.nh.us</u>.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Paul J. Tierney, Kenneth A. Mertz & Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr.

Barbara A. Lucas Town Administrator Town of New Hampton 6 Pinnacle Hill Road Tel. 744-3559 Fax 744-5106

March 28, 2011

Northern Pass Project

TOWN OPTIONS:

The Board of Selectmen at their meeting last evening (Wednesday, March 23, 2011) discussed the "Northern Pass" project with the townspeople. The Board outlined at the end of the meeting the five (5) options (listed below) that could be considered to obtain the citizen's position on the

proposed project. The Board would like your opinion. Please email your choice, your position or comments and questions on the Northern Pass Project to: selectmen@new-hampton.nh.us as soon as possible. We will do our best to provide as much information as possible, as it is made available to us. The Board strongly suggests that you obtain as much information as possible to allow yourself to make an informed decision. There will be meetings scheduled on this project. which will be posted on the town's website.

- 1. Citizen petition drive to obtain the New Hampton citizens position on the Northern Pass issue.
- 2. Board of Selectmen holds a series of informational meetings with New Hampton citizens. Information going in both directions.
- 3. Public Hearing with property owners for a resolution vote(non-binding). Board of Selectmen issue a position statement based New Hampton citizen's position.
- 4. Citizen petition of warrant article for Special Town Meeting (50 or more registered voters)(cannot have appropriation). Question must be specified! Requires posting of warrant, deliberative session and a ballot vote. Cost of about \$3000-\$3500. Still non-binding. Hours for polling – 11am – 7pm.
- 5. After citizen's position is determined at hearing or special town meeting the Board of Selectmen could (a.) testify before the State Site Evaluation Committee and/or (b.) contact State officials.

Draft minutes from the meeting held on March 23, 2011 at the NHS Academic Research Center are available on the town website: www.new-hampton.nh.us

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

CURRENTLY THE "NORTHERN PASS" APPLICATION IS BEFORE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. SCOPING MEETINGS WERE HELD LAST WEEK. PUBLIC INPUT CAN STILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BY APRIL 12, 2011. You may submit public comments several different ways: You may mail, call, fax or email them to:

Brian Mills Senior Planning Advisor Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20) U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave. SW Washington, DC 20585 Phone: 202-586-8267

FAX: 202-586-8008

Email: Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov

NORTHERN PASS WILL MAKE APPLICATION TO THE STATE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SEE THE STATE WEBSITE THAT DESCRIBES THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE PROCESS: WWW.NHSEC.NH.GOV . YOU WILL FIND CONTACT INFORMATION AND THEIR JURISDICTION DESCRIBED UNDER RSA 162-H:1-20 Energy Facility Evaluation, Siting, Construction and Operation.

Please be advised that the State deemed that this project was to be reviewed by the NH State Site Evaluation Committee, which means the town may not review the project for compliance with local regulations.

See the website for the list of members of the NH State Site Evaluation Committee.

CONTACTS:

STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Senator Jeanie Forrester - State House Room 105-A, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301-4951

271-2104 jeanie.forrester@leg.state.nh.us

Representative Tyler Simpson - P.O. Box 757, Ashland, NH

271-3661 Tsimpson.rep@gmail.com

<u>Governor's Executive Councilman Ray Burton</u>, 338 River Road, Bath NH 03740 271-3632 ray.burton@myfairpoint.net

<u>U.S. SENATOR KELLY AYOTTE'S OFFICE</u> - Simon Thomson 603-622-7979 <u>simon_thomson@ayotte.senate.gov</u> <u>www.ayotte.senate.gov</u>

<u>U.S. SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN'S OFFICE</u> Manchester Office 1589 Elm Street Suite 3 Manchester, NH 03101 Ph: (603) 647-7500 www.shaheen.senate.gov

<u>U.S. CONGRESSMAN GUINTA'S OFFICE</u> – Mr. David Tille, 603-641-9536 <u>david.tille@mail.house.gov</u> http://guinta.house.gov



NORTHERN PASS

Thursday, March 31, 6-9 p.m., Plymouth Regional High School Auditorium. An

informational session with Will Abbott, SPNHF, who will give a power-point presentation; advice on writing your scoping comment to the US Department of Energy due by Tuesday, April 12.

New Hampton School Offers 2 Free Programs

For local children

Part of the School's community service program, all clinics are free and run from 8:30 — 10:45 a.m. April 9 and 23, and May 14. NHS will offer an Outdoor Adventure Clinic and a Tennis Clinic to children in grades K — 6. Participants are encouraged to bring water bottles. Snacks will be provided. All activities will be led by NHS student volunteers and supervised by experienced NHS faculty members.

For more information, contact Rose- Mary Brewster at 677-3445 or e-mail rbrewster@newhampton.org

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office Closed Tuesday, April 12, 2011

The office will be closed for the Tax Collector's spring workshop in Littleton, NH

DOG LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS

All Dogs must be licensed through the Town by April 30th. If a dog is not licensed by June 1st, there will be a forfeit of \$25.00 and a fine of \$1.00 per month.

License Fees are:

Male or Female \$9.00 Spayed or Neutered \$6.50 Puppies – 3 months to 7 months \$6.50

Dog for owner over Age 65 \$2.00 (one dog only)

CURRENT rabies certificate must be presented at time of registration, if not already on file. Residents are reminded that it is unlawful for any dog to run at large unless accompanied by and under the control of the owner or custodian.

CURRENT USE APPLICATIONS, ELDERLY & BLIND EXEMPTIONS AND VETERAN'S CREDITS

The deadline for applications for current use, exemptions and veteran's credits is Friday, April 15, 2011. Application forms can be obtained from the Town Office.

LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

The Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief Program runs annually between May 1st and June 30th.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ONLY DURING THE FILING PERIOD - **AFTER** MAY 1, BUT BEFORE JUNE 30.

Form DP-8 is not available at this time. For questions, call 603-271-2191.

The law allows 120 days (approximately 4 months) for processing from the date of receipt of your completed claim received by the NH Department of Revenue between May 1st and June 30th.

The Town will send out an email connection and post on the town website when the applications become available or you may contact the Dept. of Revenue directly at the number above.

Volunteers – Become Involved

Town Committees, Boards and Commissions are looking for new members.

Please click on the Board and Commission overview on the Town's website to learn how you can contribute to your community and the time commitment involved with each. Interested residents may complete the fill-in form provided on the town website and submit it to the Selectmen's Office.
