



New Hampshire Sierra Club

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It's Cold Out, But Primary Season is Hot!

As we close in on the February 9 New Hampshire primary, candidate appearances are growing in number. We need to have as many of our members as possible at these events to promote the Clean Energy message! As of January 20, 45 volunteers have attended 13 events for 8 candidates. This represents a great commitment on the part of those volunteers - it's been dark, cold and potentially unfriendly out there - and there is so much more activity to come.



Intern Megan Gordon (right) with three friends, handing out stickers and interviewing people about why they want clean energy at a candidate event.

Join these dedicated volunteers in the political process! Check the the [American Friends Service Committee calendar](#) to find out when each candidate is where. The calendar is updated constantly - events are added daily. Going to an event? Make sure to RSVP through the link for that event on that calendar. (If you have any question about whether a particular event is open or closed to the general public, call our office at (603) 224-8222).

We are looking for volunteers to represent the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Voter Education Fund. Remember, we want to stick to the environmental issues and create a non-partisan discussion about the issues you care about. We intentionally stay away from phrases that can be heard as controversial to some; instead we want to dig deeper to find where they stand on energy efficiency, solar energy and environmental issues like, health impacts and drinking water protections. See the sample questions below.

There is still plenty of time to jump in and help out! Please check AFSC's calendar now for events near you. RSVP today, and bring supportive friends! If you would like Clean Energy buttons to wear, stickers to give out, or questions to ask, please stop by our office at 40 N. Main Street, Concord (next door to The Works, second floor).

This is our time to be heard!

Recommended reading for volunteers (PDFs)

- [Questions for Candidates](#)
- [Tips for Birddogging](#)
- [Do's and Don'ts](#)
- [Suggested language](#) for Letters to the Editor.

Property Owner On or Near a Northern Pass Site? Read On...

Northern Pass was introduced to New Hampshire at a press event in Franklin in October of 2010. Going into our sixth year of public discussion, NH Sierra Club is encouraging New Hampshire residents and landowners to participate in the [Northern Pass application process](#) at the NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). Landowners in particular, have an important role in the discussion and they have property rights that must be defended. NH Sierra Club opposes Northern Pass for a number of reasons ([read more here](#)) but we are not a landowner.

The Public Utilities Commission is also [reviewing a request](#) from Eversource seeking permission to "rent" the land easements with existing power lines to its subsidiary Northern Pass who will then be paid by Canada to build the 80-120 foot towers for the international transmission proposal without changing the current terms of the land easements on people's property. First and foremost, NH

Sierra Club does not believe Eversource has the right to rent out your property without your expressed permission. Secondly, NH Sierra Club does believe we need the destructive project's power period.

Please call the NH Sierra Club office if you would like to intervene in these venues. The deadline is Feb 5 for the SEC Northern Pass Application, so please call (603) 224-8222 as soon as possible. We can discuss the issue and assist you.

Movie Night: Wind Uprising

Tuesday, February 2 ~ 5:30-6:30pm
Hancock Town Library
25 Main Street
Hancock, NH 03449



Wind Uprising chronicles the turbulent journey shared by an entrepreneur and an engineer who broke trail for wind energy in Utah. Working with local government and active citizens, they overcame resistance that nearly stopped them in their tracks and built Utah's first wind farm. *Co-sponsored with NextGen NH.* Refreshments will be served!

[Watch the trailer](#) on Vimeo.

Interns on Board!

The chapter is lucky to have had three interns contributing their time to help out with a variety of tasks. Interns usually have an area that they want to gain experience in related to club activities or structure. They are an invaluable resource during very busy times, like the current run up to the NH primary.

Megan Gordon of Weare devoted her brief break from her study of Wildlife Biology at UNH to attend several campaign events, handing out clean energy stickers and talking to other attendees.

Matt Hackett of Hillsborough goes to New England College, and is a veteran. He is working with us through August, so he will likely get exposed to several aspects of chapter work, including calling volunteers, finances and fundraising.

Emily Johnson of Freedom is a senior studying public health at Colby-Sawyer College. She is working with the chapter for about two months.

We thank all of these intern volunteers for their interest and hard work supporting the mission of NH Sierra Club! If you or someone you know is interested in interning with the club, please get in touch with Cathy Corkery at nhsc603@gmail.com or (603) 224-8222.

Announcing New Members of the Executive Committee

Online voting for positions on the New Hampshire Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) officially ended January 18. The results show that we will have two freshman members, both active volunteers and environmental activists.

The NHSC Chapter welcomes **Larry Chase** and **Laura Magzis**! Their willingness to serve in these positions is greatly appreciated. The ExCom is responsible for guiding the chapter, and these new members' interests and experiences will bring fresh perspectives to the group. Remember, your first meeting is, undoubtedly, coming right up! Longtime ExCom members Karen Irwin and Jim Allmendinger were both re-elected, and will continue to be valuable members of the committee.

We also thank Nick Cohen for his years of service with the ExCom. We expect his input and involvement to continue, particularly with his position on the Political Committee during this busy Presidential Primary and Election year. Thank you, Nick!

Don't Let Our Fundraising Come Up Short!

As our year-end fundraising comes to a close, we want to thank you if you have already committed financially to support your New Hampshire Chapter Sierra Club. As you may have heard, the Chapter set a fundraising goal for 2015 of approximately \$16,000 in order to meet the revenue requirements for the Chapter's projected budget. We came very close of attaining that goal - **we are just \$2,000 short**. If you didn't donate in December, please consider how critical your contribution is to the chapter. Contact us at (603) 224-8222 to make your contribution, or [visit our website](#). New Hampshire needs to make meaningful progress toward a clean, sustainable, and just future. 2016 is our year!

Proposed Bobcat Hunting and Trapping Season

The NH Fish and Game Commission recently voted to open a hunting and trapping bobcat season with a lottery for 50 permits for NH residents. The draft rulemaking proposal is now open for public comment. The state will host a public hearing on February 1, and will accept comments until February 10.

Read the [proposed rules](#).

Attend the public hearing:

When: February 1, 2016 - 6pm

Where: Representatives Hall, N.H. Statehouse,
Concord, NH


If you attend the public hearing, please bring a copy of your comments to give to the Fish and Game. Feel free to read them or ad lib, but provide a hard copy for the public file.

Make a public comment: Written comments regarding this proposal must be received by the Department by February 10, 2016. Send comments to comments@wildlife.nh.gov, with the subject line Bobcat Season Proposal.

Or, send your comments via U.S. postal mail to:

Executive Director
N.H. Fish and Game Department
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

You may also fax your comments to (603) 271-5829.

 Bobcat photo, courtesy
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A bobcat in the snow.

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Engagement calendars are usually \$14.95, but are now **on sale for \$9 each!** Large format wall calendars are marked down from \$13.95 to **\$8 each!**

Contact us now to buy your calendars! You can pick them up from the Sierra Club office in downtown Concord. Email nhsc603@gmail.com or call (603)



224-8222 to purchase yours today.

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