



## The Engaged Sierran

### Northern Pass Community Workshops Announced

*Counsel for the Public to Conduct Community Workshops with Scenic and Historic Resources Experts for Proposed Northern Pass Transmission Project*

If there is a scenic, historic, or cultural resource you care about that's located within 10 miles of the proposed transmission corridor, you have an opportunity to voice your concerns in a constructive working session.

Peter C.L. Roth of the New Hampshire Attorney General's office, acting as Counsel for the Public, is proceeding to review the application of the Northern Pass project. He's engaged experts to provide evidence of any potential impacts to scenic, historic, and cultural resources in New Hampshire.

You are invited to participate in structured workshops to identify places and areas of beauty, use, history, and tradition that are within ten miles of the proposed Northern Pass transmission corridor that may be affected by the project.

These workshops include a short presentation by the experts, followed by small breakout sessions where participants will use maps, forms and discussions to identify and describe resources, places or areas important to them and their communities.

The workshops are opportunities to work together rather than give testimony or make comments about Northern Pass.

The workshops will be held on:

Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at 6pm  
Ashland Elementary School Auditorium (access on Highland Street)  
16 Education Dr., Ashland

Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 6pm  
The Heights Community Center (formerly the Dame School)  
14 Canterbury Rd., Concord

Monday, August 1, 2016, at 6pm  
Littleton Opera House  
2 Union St., Littleton

Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 6pm  
Colebrook Elementary School Cafeteria  
27 Dumont St., Colebrook

Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 6pm  
Town of Lancaster Auditorium  
25 Main St., Lancaster

If you have any special accommodation needs, please contact Mr. Roth at (603) 271-1270. If you are unable to attend a workshop, you may provide written information directly to: [Peter.Roth@doj.nh.gov](mailto:Peter.Roth@doj.nh.gov) or Peter C.L. Roth, Environmental Protection Bureau, Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, 33 Capitol Street, Concord, NH 03301.

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### Help make democracy happen!

We cannot complain about too little democracy in New Hampshire. Every two years Granite Staters go to the polls to elect a governor, five members of the governor's council, 24 state senators and 400 state

representatives. Congressional races also loom large and this year is no exception; we will be electing -- or re-electing -- two representatives to the United States Congress and a United States Senator.

And of course this year, the presidential race looms over all other races. With one of the major party candidates denying that climate change is an issue and a Supreme Court nominee in the balance, one cannot overemphasize the importance of this year's presidential election.

The New Hampshire Chapter of the Sierra Club prides itself on working to elect environmentally friendly and concerned candidates. We have an active political committee that carefully vets all our endorsements. Active engagement in politics is critical to protecting our air, water and natural resources.

You can be an integral part of this important work by becoming a member of the Chapter's Political Committee, helping to forge strong relationships with our endorsed candidates. Club volunteers also make vital contributions to the election efforts of our endorsed candidates. We need members to volunteer as canvassers, phone bankers, poll watchers, sign holders, and office workers throughout the state for both state and federal campaigns.

If you are interested, please contact either of our political committee co-chairs: Jerry Curran, [glc44@aol.com](mailto:glc44@aol.com) or Jim Allmendinger, [jallmndngr@aol.com](mailto:jallmndngr@aol.com).

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### Volunteer Editor Needed

- Do you enjoy this e-newsletter?
- Do you want to see it continue?
- Do you have strong computer skills, HTML know-how, and about 8-10 hours a month to contribute?

We need you! Each month, you'll work with Chapter Director Cathy Corkery and Co-Editor Cindy Reid to produce our monthly e-newsletter, the New Hampshire Chapter's opportunity to regularly share information directly with its members. Training and laughs will be provided. Interested? Call or email the office 603-224-8222 or [catherine.corkery@sierraclub.org](mailto:catherine.corkery@sierraclub.org). Thank you!

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### Call to Action: Tell Gov. Hassan to support RGGI

The [Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative \(RGGI\)](#) -- a successful partnership between New Hampshire and other Northeast states to fight climate change and increase clean energy investments -- is up for review this year.

RGGI has reduced climate pollution and strengthened our clean energy economy in New Hampshire by requiring owners of fossil fuel power plants to pay for their climate pollution. Because of RGGI, New Hampshire has saved millions of dollars in energy costs.

But polluters don't always want to pay for their pollution and they have influenced the current proposals for RGGI's new goals. We are calling for stronger goals to ensure New Hampshire meets our climate and clean energy objectives.



[Will you send a message to Governor Hassan and New Hampshire's RGGI representatives letting them know you support a strong regional climate action partnership?](#)

Important progress has been made in the negotiations, but RGGI isn't as strong as it needs to be, yet. Fierce climate protectors like you know we can't just do the bare minimum in New Hampshire or regionally -- it's time for bold visionary action.

New Hampshire can be a leader and ensure other states in the region and big polluters don't create loopholes that benefit companies and harm our climate, job creation, and clean energy goals.

[Don't let big polluters use RGGI to avoid cleaning up their act -- send your message today!](#)

Over the past eight years RGGI has successfully reduced climate pollution in the Northeast and provided funding for job-creating, energy saving programs, by requiring owners of fossil fuel power plants to pay for their climate pollution.

A stronger, more just RGGI like we're calling for now, would spur the creation of thousands of jobs and save electric customers money, all while protecting the environment and preserving a stable climate.

[Play a key part in protecting our climate and call on Governor Hassan to be a leader for climate action in the Northeast!](#)

Thanks for all you do for the environment and our communities.

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### Music by the Sea, Odiorne State Park

A wonderful month of concerts at the [Seacoast Science Center](#) will end on July 28 with the band [Beatles for Sale](#) (2015 Limelight Music Award's Tribute Band of the Year). Come down to the park from 6-8:30 p.m. to watch this fun performance, eat yummy treats from several vendors and enjoy a beautiful summer evening overlooking the ocean. Summer in NH doesn't get any better!



Sierra Club's New Hampshire Chapter will be there!

- We'll have **Sierra Club gear** and info
- **A petition for you to sign** supporting the critical Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative work that continues in New Hampshire (see article above)
- An opportunity to **buy several raffle tickets for the stunning screenprint, *Now and Forever*** (see below).

We'll take care of all your Sierra Club needs while you enjoy yourself at this event! Come on down and see us near the concert tent. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$2 for kids 3-12, under 3 free. You can purchase tickets online at <http://www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/events/music-by-the-sea> or at the gate.

Alcohol can't be brought in, but will be for sale onsite. Please leave your dogs at home. Bring a picnic, chairs and bug spray.

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### Win *Now and Forever* Print

The New Hampshire Chapter is raffling off a signed, numbered copy of a spectacular screen print designed and produced exclusively for us by [William Mitchell](#). The print is professionally framed and matted.

William Mitchell is a printmaker and painter who lives in Dover. He is a juried member of the [NH League of Craftsmen](#) and is a listed artist in Who's Who in America. His works are in many private and public collections, and he has limited edition Christmas cards in the Smithsonian permanent collection. William is an avid hiker and skier, familiar with many of the state's most beautiful places, and he brings his love of lake, rivers and mountains to his work.

Of the print "Now and Forever" he writes: "The beauty of New Hampshire continually moves me. Many people feel a personal connection with my prints because they depict some of their favorite places." His intention is to inspire us to protect these vistas forever.



Win this beautiful print for your home by buying tickets, and spread the word to others. Your contribution will aid our efforts to protect the environment and our precious wilderness. Tickets are \$3 each, two for \$5, and five for \$10. Email [NHSC603@gmail.com](mailto:NHSC603@gmail.com) today and let us know how many tickets we can send

you - or stop by our booth at the Beatles for Sale concert! The winner will be chosen at the end of summer.

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### **More winter ticks lead to declines in the NH moose population**

Two studies, one conducted from 2001-2006, and another currently ongoing, indicate that declining moose populations in New Hampshire can be blamed in large part to the winter tick.

According to the Nov-Dec 2014 issue of *New Hampshire Wildlife Journal*, weather is largely to blame for the increases in the winter tick population, leading to the decline in the moose population. Winter ticks love a warmer, snow-free winter like we had last year. The more ticks there are attached to a moose, the more moose will die, or suffer from lower body weights - which leads to drop in birth rates. [Read the article.](#)

In 2015, calf mortality was 74 percent, and adult mortality due to winter tick was five percent, according to a recent article from New Hampshire Fish and Game. If these numbers continue, one can only imagine what will happen to our beloved moose.

This leads us to an important question: if the ticks are causing the decline in the moose population, what is causing an increase in the winter tick population? These ticks thrive on mild winters and early springs. It is possible, indeed, probable that climate change is ultimately to blame for the loss of moose in New Hampshire. It might even be too late to stop the loss of our moose. What else do we have to lose before we get serious about reversing climate change? Clearly, many actions taken around the world to reduce climate change have demonstrated positive impacts. Let's keep our emblematic moose in mind as we fight for change by supporting clean energy legislation, and by electing candidates who have a solid environmental platform.

Read more about the study on the [New Hampshire Fish and Game website.](#)

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### **Exploring the Earth**

Join us on our outings, or, take the initiative - lead one yourself and make new friends! [Check our website](#) for more information.

#### **Wednesday, July 27 - Trescott Lands**

Hanover, NH

Hike on recently opened Trescott Lands and Oak Hill, from Trescott Road to Storrs Pond. 3-4 miles, mainly down.

Contact Outings Leader Peter Hope at 603-863-6456 or [phope@worldpath.net](mailto:phope@worldpath.net) if you are interested in joining us!

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### **Hike of the Month Writing Challenge**

New Hampshire offers an endless selection of trails for all hiking abilities, through some amazingly scenic natural places. The New Hampshire Sierra Club encourages everyone to get out and explore these opportunities during these beautiful summer and fall months, and to share your experiences with others in future newsletters. The more people are exposed to the wilderness, the more they are able to love and ultimately protect it for future generations.

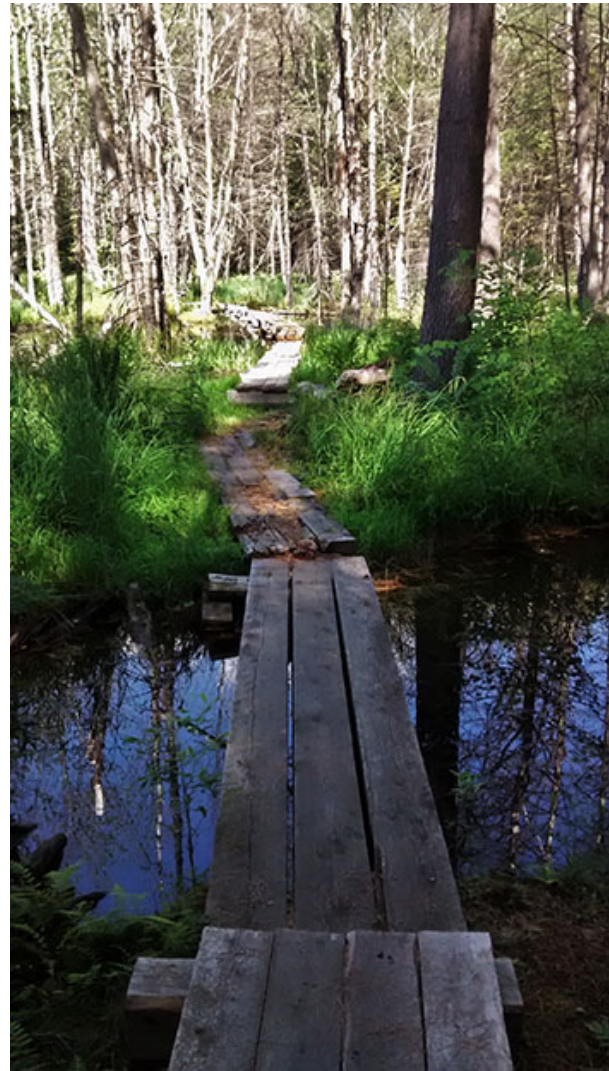
My offering for July is the very accessible [Quincy Bog Natural Area](#) in Rumney, which I visited recently. Reach this area via Route 25, Tenney Mountain Highway, on the north edge of Plymouth (Exit 26, Interstate 93). Turn right onto Smith Bridge Road just west of the McDonald's, and then continue straight on Quincy Road after crossing the magnificent covered bridge. Note the put in/boat launch for when water is higher!

My mistake was in admiring the wind farm and ledge view from Quincy Road exactly when I should have turned right onto Quincy Bog Road (just past Baker River Campground). I was, in return, treated to a

quick look around the charming town of Rumney, where I was told the [Tavern](#) serves a nice meal. Backtrack to the entrance to the turnoff, which is marked by twin river rock pillars...

The Natural Area boasts excellent parking and a small education center. Bog Hosts are reportedly available to answer any questions. The trail is partially boardwalk, some slightly challenging root-y, boulder-y sections on the backside of the pond, and charming pine duff areas - simply delightful throughout and basically level. This is not a physically difficult trail, but the bog views, birds, plants and quiet make up for that. It is about a mile around the entire bog; it took me almost 2 hours to accomplish this, as a first time visitor, because I was constantly distracted by everything around me. A mostly shady forest trail makes this a reasonable light hike on a warmer day. There are some over-water boardwalk sections that parents of younger children should keep in mind, as well as dog-walkers (dogs on leash allowed). People unable to tolerate more aggressive hiking will love this spot!

**You are now invited** to submit a synopsis of your current favorite trail, with picture and recommendations regarding how long, how strenuous, how well marked the area is, best season to visit. Most fabulous view for the effort, perhaps? We would like to share your experiences with our members; send to [NHSC603@gmail.com](mailto:NHSC603@gmail.com), and have a wonderful wilderness summer!



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#### Amherst, NH 4th of July Celebration



The Independence Day celebration in Amherst this year was a ton of fun for everyone! Here's the Sierra Club booth, all decked out for the event.

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[Become a member today](#), and support our efforts to explore, enjoy, and protect our Earth!

**SAVE THE PLANET & SOME GREEN.**  
JOIN AND ENJOY NEW MEMBER BENEFITS



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