

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PSNH WORKSESSION  
April 18, 2013  
MINUTES**

**Work Session Call to Order**

1:00pm: Chairman, Steve Barry called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Steve Barry, Chairman; Alan O'Neal, Vice Chairman; Rebecca Hutchinson, Richard Pitman and R. Andrew Robertson Selectmen

**Also Present:** Leslie Boswak, Town Administrator

Chairman Barry welcomed PSNH Representative Catalina Celentano. Ms. Celentano introduced Hutton Snow, the Engineer and Project Manager in charge of the project described today and Sandra Gagnon, Community Relations for this undertaking.

Mr. Snow presented the Board with a Review Sheet of the D118 line re-build, describing the scope, timeline and map of the project. This is a re-build that will run from the Deerfield Substation to Hooksett and is part of PSNH's 10 year plan. Because the project will require access of right of way PSNH will work with the abutters. They also anticipate working with several agencies for permitting, including the Department of Environmental Services, Department of Transportation and local Planning, Zoning Boards along with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Snow expects introductory letters to be sent to approximately 150 property abutters on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and will email an advance copy to Leslie. They anticipate prep work to run through the fall of 2013 and construction to begin in January 2014, with four months to do the line work.

Selectman Pitman asked how the line would be approached, will contractors work from point A to B, or run the poles one month and come back to do lines weeks later? Mr. Snow replied that it depends on the contractors, they build to PSNH specs, but the work agreement does not dictate how they handle the timing/flow of the project. Selectwoman Hutchinson asked how often the lines are typically replaced and if this Project Update is something PSNH presents to the Board each year? Mr. Snow responded that this project being part of the 10 year plan and being larger in scope is something they approach the Board about, but that no, they do not come annually. He also answered that lines have a lifespan of 40-50 years, possibly less depending on the load. Vice Chairman O'Neal asked if the height of the replacement poles would be the same as those being pulled out and Mr. Snow answered that the profile is almost the same, he doesn't expect there to be much difference. It was noted that PSNH will work to Town ordinances, working only during the hours allowed. Selectwoman Hutchinson asked when the permitting would be done, Mr. Snow responded April through October 2013 and Selectwoman Hutchinson followed by asking if the letter to abutters was premature without formal project approval in place? Mr. Snow acknowledged, adding that PSNH has extensive experience working with local permitting and assume success, but also that they want to give local abutters as much notice as possible. Given the current local attention being paid to the utilities projects the PSNH team wants to be very clear that this project is unrelated to the Northern Pass project.

PSNH thanked the Board for their time and they will keep the Town abreast as the project continues ahead.

**Adjournment**

**Work Session Adjourns at 1:25pm**

**Next Meeting Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30pm**

*The Minutes were Transcribed and Respectfully Submitted by Katherine A. Libby, Recording Secretary.  
Pending Approval by the Board of Selectmen*