

Albion Transmission Line Committee - Minutes

September 5, 2023

Committee Attendees:

- Tom Bolen (chair), Paul Flynn, Eric Rolfson, Tracy Tuttle, Lance Stewart, Jon Shaw and Charlie Hall

Support Group/Guest Attendees:

- Rep. Katrina Smith, Senator David LaFountain, Holly Noyes, Lincoln Sennett, others

I. Goals and Objectives for the Committee

- Working as a team to stop the implementation of a new transmission corridor within the town of Albion;
- Collaborating with other towns impacted by the proposed line;
- Seeking an Albion ordinance to mitigate the impact of any transmission/utility corridors within the town; and
- Increasing public awareness concerning the line's potential impacts and alternatives to the proposed line

II. Subgroup Discussion

- Community Engagement
- Environmental Impact
- Alternatives to transmission line
- Town Selectmen updates

III. Old Business

- Progress to Date
 - i. Augusta Rally
 - Eric reviewed the plan
 - ii. "Take the Farm" Statute.
This is in discussion amongst legislators. (Dave and Scott co-sponsoring)
 - *Moving forward*
 - iii. PUC Late Intervenor discussion
 - *On hold for now*
 - iv. Media outreach to committee
 - VOM, Maine Center 6, Farm Trust, Maine Public, morning Sentinel, Town line

IV. New Business

- Legislative discussions

i. Recommend small group to spearhead this; Holly, Andrew Ballantyne, Paul and Tom, Kevin Morisey.....

- Planning board meeting; Tom will attend
- Lance spoke to Matt Dow's dairy cattle

V. Action Items.

- Eric will pursue options for developing a communications list for all whose land will be affected.
- Tanya and Eric will communicate with towns along the route to see which have formed committees and who their contact person is.