

Town of Carroll

From: Cindy Kudlik <cindy4graffton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 8:33 AM
To: twinmtn@roadrunner.com
Subject: Carroll Select Board

Dear Carroll Select Board,

We, the people of New Hampshire, know what we need, what serves us and our way of life best, and what's needed to protect the health, safety and welfare of our communities. This is why I am asking, on behalf of the New Hampshire Community Rights Network (NHCRN) - a nonprofit, all volunteer, grassroots organization of NH communities - for you to put the following article on your 2016 annual town meeting warrant:

Resolution Supporting the NH Community Rights Constitutional Amendment

Be it Resolved: We recognize that the citizens of communities in New Hampshire have the inherent and inalienable right to govern themselves by enacting local laws to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people, their communities and their natural environment.

Our New Hampshire Constitution, Part First, Bill of Rights provides that (Article 2.) all men have certain natural, essential and inherent rights; (Article 1.) all government of right originates with the people and is founded in consent; (Article 8.) all power resides originally in, and is derived from the people and all magistrates and officers of government are accountable at all times to them; (Article 10.) and government being instituted for the common benefit, and not for private interest, whenever the ends of government are perverted, the people may, and of right, ought to reform the old or establish a new government.

It is unjust for our state government to favor the interests of powerful corporations and other business interests over the rights of the people.

Therefore, we call on the General Court of the State of New Hampshire to enact a constitutional amendment acknowledging the rights of communities to enact local laws to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people, their community and natural environment, which local laws shall not be subject to preemption by state, federal or international law, provided such local laws do not restrict or weaken the fundamental rights of the people, communities, or nature recognized under state, federal, or international law.

The record of this vote shall be transmitted by written notice from the municipality to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instruction from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

We want to specifically secure the right of NH communities to decide what happens where they live. In order to accomplish this, we need to show our representatives in Concord that the people of NH call for an amendment to our state constitution that, if passed, would secure our inalienable Right of Local Community Self-Government.

There are already ten communities across the state that have passed support for the NH Community Rights Amendment at their town meetings. Join with them, and others that are placing the "Resolution Supporting the NH Community Rights Constitutional Amendment" on their 2016 town warrants.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information. I would be happy to set up a time for a representative from the NHCRN to come and talk with you in person.

Sincerely,

Cindy Kudlik
Grafton, NH

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The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand. ~Vince Lombardi