

Town of Wilton

Special Town Meeting Warrant

October 1, 2019

To: Heidi Wilcox, a Constable of the Town of Wilton, in the County of Franklin and the State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wilton in said County and State qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the G.D. Cushing School in said Town on Tuesday, the 1st of October 2019 at 6 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 1 and 2 as set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a **MODERATOR** to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Wilton **vote to enact the Elective Electrical Transmission Corridor Moratorium**

Section 1. Authority, Effective Date and Term

A. Authority

1. This Ordinance is adopted and hereafter amended pursuant to and consistent with Article VIII-A of the State of Maine Constitution and Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. Section 4356
2. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Elective Electrical Transmission Corridor Moratorium, Wilton, Maine"

B. Effective Date

The effective date of this Moratorium shall be upon adoption by the Legislative Body

C. Term

This Ordinance shall remain in effect for a period of 180 days from the effective date and shall expire on the 180th day unless the Board of Selectpersons vote, after notice and hearing, to extend the moratorium for additional 180-day periods.

Section 2. Purpose and Necessity

A. Purpose

The Purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Wilton by fostering orderly Elective Electrical Transmission Corridor (EETC) development. During the term of the moratorium, the Town of Wilton will determine the most appropriate methods to regulate Elective Electrical Transmission Corridors and will enact or amend, Municipal Ordinances as necessary to achieve the regulatory goals.

B. Necessity

There is high interest in Elective Electrical Transmission Corridor development in the Town and nearby areas. The location of Wilton is believed to be conducive to Elective Electrical Transmission Corridor development. The Town's Land Use Ordinances do not provide an adequate mechanism to

regulate and control the development of the Elective Electrical Transmission Corridors, and are inadequate to prevent serious public harm that could result from the unregulated development of EETCs. Serious public harm includes, but is not limited to, visual impact, noise, environmental degradation and public health.

Section 3. Moratorium

During the term of this Moratorium no official, officer, board, body, agency, agent, or employee of the Town of Wilton shall accept, process, or act upon any application for any approval; including but not limited to, a building permit, certificate of occupancy, site plan review, conditional use, or any other approval relating to the establishment or operation of an Elective Electrical Transmission Corridor. No person shall test for the suitability, or develop an Elective Electrical Transmission Corridor within the Town of Wilton during the time this Moratorium is in effect. Thereafter, no person shall test for suitability, or develop an Elective Electrical Transmission Corridor within the Town of Wilton without complying with whatever Ordinances and Regulations the Town may enact during, and after this Moratorium.

Section 4. Enforcement and Severability

A. Enforcement

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Wilton. Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to civil penalties and other remedies as provided in 30-A M.R.S.A. §4452

B. Severability

Should any section or provision of this Moratorium be declared by any court to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other section or provision

Section 5. Definitions

Elective Electrical Transmission Corridor: A location for the siting of an electrical transmission system involving High Voltage Power Transmission Lines being used to transmit for profit electric power over relatively long distances, usually from a central generating station to main substations. They may also provide for profit electric power transmission from one central station to another for load sharing.

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Voters is in session at the Wilton Town Office on Monday's and Tuesday's from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Thursday's and Fridays from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm to correct the voting list and accept new registrations.

Given under our hands at Wilton, Maine, this 17th day of September, 2019

Philip J. Hilton

Heath Leitch

David Leitch

W. Sullivan

Tiffany A. Munn

Wilton Board of Selectpersons

A True copy. Attest Donna L. Dyer Town Clerk