



TOWN OF HAYMARKET TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING ~ AGENDA ~

David Leake, Mayor
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15000 Washington St
Haymarket, VA 20169

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

8:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda Items

A. Dominion Virginia Power 230KV Transmission Lines



TO: Town of Haymarket Town Council
SUBJECT: Dominion Virginia Power 230KV Transmission Lines
DATE: 09/23/14

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RESOLUTION #20140923-1

Non-Support for Proposed Dominion Power Transmission and Distribution Lines

WHEREAS, the Town of Haymarket Town Council was presented with a proposed installation of Dominion Power transmission and distribution lines through the Town and surrounding areas at our Monday, August 25, 2014 Work Session; and

WHEREAS, the Council has sought citizen input, established working relationships with elected officials throughout the County and the state to ascertain their stance on the proposal, and supported our Planning Commission in their efforts to conduct a public input session at their meeting on September 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is of the utmost importance to inform residents of what this body deems to be the best response at this point in the process in deliberating over the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the importance of economic development opportunities for the County and the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Council values our citizens' concerns with regard to our Town's view shed, the effect on our property values, the loss of potential future benefits of Norfolk Southern railroad expansion of commuter rail service and most importantly the effects on the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and surrounding neighbors from the proposed transmission and distribution lines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Haymarket **does not support the proposed** location of the Dominion Power transmission and distribution lines along the railroad tracks for the following reasons:

- The proposed alignment degrades our historic town and is inconsistent with the Town's plans and investments;
- The "double stack" distribution line along Washington Street would detract from the historic nature of the Town and is not acceptable;
- The proposed alignment has a direct effect on the environment by running through the Town's Conservation District, the state designated Resource Protection Area and the 100 Year Flood Plain.
- The proposed alignment creates a negative environmental impact to North Fork Creek and the already distressed Chesapeake Bay Watershed;
- The proposed alignment will have a negative impact on the property values of our residents and will create an unfavorable view shed throughout the Town;
- The proposed alignment will inhibit Norfolk Southern Railroad from expanding for the creation passenger rail service from the area, which is currently being studied; and
- The proposed project creates a potential unhealthy environment and threatens the health, safety and welfare of our residents and surrounding neighbors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Haymarket will continue to work with Dominion Power, provided the corporation continues to show a good faith effort in acknowledging and addressing citizens' concerns and change the proposed alignment of the transmission line while at the same time making an effort to avoid creating adverse impacts to other surrounding communities as the current proposed projects egregiously affects the Town's residents and surrounding neighbors.