

25 Feb 2016 Meeting Between the Baldwin Selectmen  
and F.E. Wood Natural Energy

Participants:

Gary McNeil - Selectman  
Olin Thomas - Selectman  
Bob Flint - Selectman  
David Laurie – Town Attorney  
Tony Wood – F.E. Wood Natural Energy  
Dean Wood – F.E. Wood Natural Energy  
Others – Members of the public

1. Bob Flint suggested the meeting start where the discussion left off last Thursday night. Tony was asked if they any concerns with the easement article as presented. Tony said that they found it acceptable. David Laurie requested clarification that both parties agreed that only one easement would be granted, either the newly requested one or the one already approved in September 2014. The selectmen and the Woods both agreed that this was the intent, as was stated in the draft warrant article.

2. The next item for discussion was the “Agreement” to replace the MOU in the grant application. Bob Flint stated that a draft had been forwarded to the Woods via the town attorney, Davie Laurie. Tony Wood stated that they had reviewed the draft agreement and although they agreed in general with the intent of the document, and the request by the town that F.E. Wood be liable for the grant if the jobs were not created, they had decided that it would impose costs on the project that they wanted to avoid and therefore they were stepping back from the proposal. Bob Flint stated that the agreement as drafted did put terms and conditions on the use of the grant funds. He explained that the purpose for this was to ensure that grant funding was spent for the road only and that F.E. Wood and the town would be able to show that the cost sharing arrangement had been complied with. The selectmen accepted the decision by F.E. Wood to withdraw the grant request. Gary McNeil mentioned a question and answer session concerned with the grant called by Cumberland County that he learned about on short notice. Tony Wood explained that he had already discussed with Aaron Shapiro that they would likely not go forward.

3. The selectmen voted at 6:50 PM to go into executive session to confer with the Town Attorney. The selectmen voted at 6:55 PM to come out of executive session. Bob Flint stated that the question related to the easement that would eventually be provided to F.E. Wood for a road and utility corridor and that it would include requirements for lien waivers and the town being named as insured party in their liability policy. Tony Wood stated that this seemed acceptable.

It was agreed that preparation for the public hearing on Saturday 27 Feb 2016 had been completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Selectmen

Gary McNeil

Olin Thomas

Bob Flint

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