

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

September 20, 2014

To Brenda Bliss, a resident of the Town of Baldwin, in the County of Cumberland, GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Baldwin, qualified by law to vote in the said town affairs, to assemble at the Town Office, Baldwin in said town on the 20th day of September, 2014 at Ten O'clock in the morning to act on the following articles to wit.

Art 1. To choose or elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

It was motioned and seconded to nominate Kurt Olafsen and David Strock. Kurt declined as moderator. By written ballot David Strock was nominated and sworn in to moderate.

Art 2. To see if the Town will vote to lease a right of way, to F.E. Wood Energy, across Town property West of the New Cemetery. The proposed right of way would provide access to their property on Map 5 Lot 43 for the purpose of operating a wood processing facility and would include a power line right of way. F.E. Wood Energy would build and maintain a road and bridge entirely at their expense for joint use by them and the Town. Lease will be set at one dollar per year as long as they operate a wood processing facility on the referenced property.

A motion was made to replace/amend the Article as written by Kurt Olafsen as follows:

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to grant an easement for access and utility services to the owner of the property designated as Tax Map 5, Lot 43F. This easement shall be on such terms as the Selectmen deem advisable, provided that the easement must: (a) be restricted to access and utility services for the sole purpose of constructing and operating a wood processing facility on Tax Map 5, Lot 43F; (b) require the owner of Tax Map 5, Lot 43F to build a road on the easement that meets state highway standards and to pay all expenses for construction, repair, and maintenance of the road; and (c) reserve to the Town the right to use this road for any and all purposes.

The motion was seconded by Larry Lord.

Kurt Explained the Article. Patrick McLaughlin explains his concerns about the Town Cemetery and Town Garage as well as the school with the access interfering with them. As well as Safety concerns being near the School. Loaded trucks going by the school is a safety concern. Tony Wood responds stating the cemetery should be fine with no more expansion planned near the new road. Traffic control will be using 60 trucks per day going different routes and will have to abide by all speed limit rules and laws. DOT has already accessed the entrance and approved it as safe.

Veronica Parker spoke asking how will this affect the Town Garage? How close would they be? Tony explained there should be plenty of room not to interfere with the Town trucks, gravel and salt shed. There would be roughly a 100' buffer.

What are the roles of the Selectmen and the Planning Board? Norm Blake explains that the information given to a resident was incorrect. The Planning Board has had numerous conversations with the Woods. The Planning Board and the Selectmen have had joint meetings concerning the Woods. Which is why we are now having this meeting today. Joe Pierce spoke stating they have had two or three meetings and they DO keep the minutes. Due to economic times there has not been a lot of business.

Larry Lord made a motion to move the question. Seconded by Suzette McLaughlin. There was a comment that the new Article had not been voted on yet. Therefore, Larry and Suzette withdrew their motions. The motion to replace Article 2 was then voted on and passed.

*Larry Lord made a motion to move the question. Suzette McLaughlin seconds it. Motion passes.
Yes – means to approve/grant the easement as the amended article states.
No – means to decline the easement as the amended article states.*

It was voted by secret ballot with 27 voting YES and 19 voting NO. Article was passed.

Art 3. *Motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Wakefield, Baldwin Town Clerk

Jeffrey Sanborn

Gary McNeil

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