

IN BOARD OF SUDBURY SELECTMEN

NOVEMBER 12, 2009

Present: Vice-Chairman John C. Drobinski, Selectman Lawrence W. O'Brien, Town Manager Maureen Valente, Building Inspector Jim Kelly, DPW Director Bill Place; Kevin Poulsen, CEO, Little Foot Energy, and John Harper, owner, Birch Tree Capital.

Absent: Chairman William J. Keller, Jr.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. in the Flynn Building Silva Conference Room, 278 Old Sudbury Road.

**Renewable energy discussion**

Kevin Poulsen CEO of Little Foot Energy and John Harper, owner of Birch Tree Capital requested this meeting with the Town Manager Valente, as they had recently met with the Wayland Town Administrator. Ms. Valente invited the Board of Selectmen to sit in on the meeting to hear thoughts on possibilities at the Sudbury landfill from these two Wayland residents.

Mr. Poulsen and Mr. Harper gave a brief background on their companies and the discussions they began with the Town of Wayland on the possibility of a renewable energy project on the closed Wayland landfill. They referred to the methane gas study for the Wayland closed landfill, but the results indicated that the finances for this project did not make economic sense. They indicated that with some more work, refining various assumptions, and putting in real Town data, perhaps the economic feasibility for a renewable energy project, using photo voltaic cells, may be positive. In response to questions, they responded that there are different approaches for making a project work, both with public and private financing. Further, they could involve different time periods and level of Town involvement. As to financial benefits to the Town, primarily these would occur in the way of savings on electricity bills for Town Buildings. Town Manager Valente indicated her concerns about moving forward related to DEP oversight of the closed landfill and permitting issues, financial commitments the Town might have to make to get the project underway, and other potential uses the Town might have in the future for this land.

Town Manager Valente indicated the Town has been interested in this possibility for some time, and she would encourage a joint meeting of both towns' energy committees to have further discussions with these two individuals. All meeting participants acknowledged that Sudbury would do a public bidding process if we moved forward in this direction, and that these two individuals were putting in their own time and efforts to have these discussions and any further information development they might do. Any information the Town might provide to them would be public information and would also be provided to anyone else interested.

Ms. Valente further indicated she would ask the Board of Selectmen to discuss this matter at a meeting where Chairman Keller was present, and give her direction on whether to submit a warrant article to secure the authority the Board and Town Manager might need to move forward on this project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen G. Valente  
Town Manager - Clerk