

Vt. Town Board OKs Biomass Agreement

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. (AP) — The town of Springfield, Vt., has approved an agreement with the developers of a proposed wood-burning power plant.

The biomass proposal awaits approval from the state Public Service Board. The Agency of Natural Resources has issued an air quality permit.

The board discussed a memorandum of understanding requiring the plant's owners to pay \$3 million for a new access road for truck traffic. It also discusses replacement of homeowners' old woodstoves with newer, more efficient stoves, to partially offset emissions from the proposed plant.

About 50 residents objecting to the project appeared before the board Monday night with petitions against the plant.

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