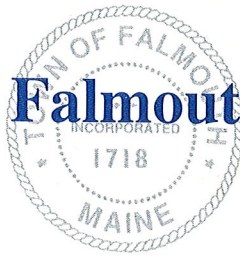


# Town of Falmouth, Maine



March 22, 2011

Tom Wood  
Maine Forest Service  
Department of Conservation  
22 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0022

RE: Falmouth Public Schools – Wood Chip Boiler Grant

Dear Mr. Wood,

As Chair of the Town of Falmouth Finance Committee I am writing to update you on the wood chip boiler grant discussion that occurred at our March 15, 2011 committee meeting.

It was brought to our attention by Dan O'Shea, the Director of Finance for Falmouth Public Schools, that the administration wanted to apply for a grant to partially fund a wood chip boiler and that to fully fund the project the town would need to provide funding in addition to the grant money. This boiler would service the Falmouth Middle School by replacing an aging oil boiler, and might also supply energy to other parts of our school campus. The School Department was seeking feedback from the Town's Finance Committee on the project.

The three Councilors who serve on the Finance Committee agreed that this was an idea worth pursuing. We agreed to place this on the agenda at our next Town Council meeting for a discussion with the entire Council. This meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

I understand the application for this grant is due March 24<sup>th</sup>. I hope this letter serves as an indication of the Town of Falmouth Finance Committee's interest in having the School move forward with the grant, but we are unable to speak for the full Council until our March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Town Manager Nathan Poore or I will be back in touch to share the comments and outcome from the Council meeting.

Best regards,

*Teresa Schmitt Pierce*

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Falmouth Town Councilor  
Finance Committee Chair