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f you've been following the news, you probably know that Peter Bos is one of the partners behind Russell Biomass, a 50-megawatt wood-fired power plant scheduled to be built on the site of the old Westfield River Paper Company mill. If you're still trying to form an opinion on Russell Biomass, however, it might help to know more about all of the project sponsors. We've already introduced you to Bill Hull. Here are some of the things we think you should know about Peter.

Like all of us at Russell Biomass, Peter, the son of a Dutch immigrant, is a product of a small town upbringing. He was born and raised in Mentor, Ohio, a town just east of Cleveland on Lake Erie. Peter is unique among our project sponsors in that he is our only former Olympian. Peter, who lettered in basketball, football and track in high school, was captain of the United States' eight-oared rowing team in the 1960 Olympics. After graduating that same year from the U.S. Naval Academy, Peter began a seven-year career as a submariner, serving as chief engineer and special test officer aboard such



craft as the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear submarine. After leaving the Navy, Peter earned an MBA from Harvard University. He settled in the Boston area and raised a family — Peter has three grown children, all public school graduates, two of whom still live and work in Massachusetts — while working internationally as a management consultant. Over the years, Peter served his community in such roles as commissioner and then chairman of the Wellesley Municipal Electric Light Plant Board and trustee of the Brimmer and May school in Chestnut Hill.

Peter began making his mark in the energy business in 1982, when he founded ARS Group, a company created to develop and own independent power plants. In New England, his projects have included a hydropower plant in Maine and a 45megawatt wood-fired power plant in Stratton, Maine. With Russell Biomass, Peter is seeking to bring an urgently needed green power source to Western Massachusetts. Peter understands the concerns of small towns and knows the energy business. He believes that Russell Biomass represents an opportunity to create jobs and increase tax revenues for Russell with a clean, well-regulated, environmentally sound plant representing an industry of the future.

Now you know who Peter Bos is and what he's about. Does that mean you should give your support to Russell Biomass? Not necessarily. But we hope it helps to know who we are when you're trying to decide whether you agree with what we're doing.

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Bringing new energy to the Valley.