**Conservation Commission Meeting**

**January 23, 2012**

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**Meeting Opened**: 07:00 pm

**Members Present**: Sue Foote, Ivan Eaton, Dick Dodge, and Judie Walker.

**Others Present**: Brad Laslett, Principal of SmartFuel.

Approval of the minutes from January 09, 2012 meeting.

*Motion: Ivan Eaton*

*Dick Dodge seconded*

*Passed unanimously*

**Dredge and fill applications/permits**:

* None submitted

**Other:**

* Brad Laslett, Principal of SmartFuel came to tonight’s Conservation Commission Meeting to introduce himself and explain about his company. He is relocating the business from 34 Folly Mill Road to 15 Batchelder Road. SmartFuel is a local green company that converts your waste vegetable oil into a biofuel that is used right here in New England. The company collects waste vegetable oil from area restaurants and food processors and transports it to the facility. At the facility the oil is cleaned and processed into an alternative for heavy fuel oils predominantly. Additionally, smartfuel produces an asphalt release agent for use in asphalt tank trucks where diesel fuel was previously used. Their waste stream consists of very little trash and our largest by-product, food based sludge from our mechanical separators, is sent to a local organic farm for composting.

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*Cont. Smartfuel*

New Hampshire DES staff visited the site of the proposed facility on January 10, 2012. Although the facility is not yet operational, they viewed the areas where the biodiesel production will be performed and where chemicals used in the process will be stored.

Brad was explaining that he has met with Tom Campbell from Sewer, Everett Strangman from Fire, Curtis from Water and Paul Garand, Code Enforcer. Sue Foote mentioned that he needs to meet with John Starkey from DPW. Brad Laslett asked Judie to have John call him and set up an appointment to meet.

**Mail:**

* Conservation Commission received the winter issue of Great Bay Matters magazine.
* Conservation Commission received Arc News and Arc User magazine. Arc is a GIS mapping software that was once used in the assessing office.

**Other:**

* Donations to the Conservation Commission in memory of Shirley Foote were received from Bruce & Cynthia Brown and Kristin Stromert.

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 pm

Next Meeting: February 13, 2012

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary