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Conservation Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

I was dismayed by the unsigned document addressed to Tom, titled 9/18/2012 Fence Removal Estimate, which I found in the material for your meeting. I assume this document relates to the continuing Hybid Farm license discussion on the agenda. What caught my attention was the method of disposal being proposed—burning the demolition debris of any sheds on the property, as well as the fences. Burning of demolition debris is not allowed under Massachusetts Law and DEP Open Burning Regulations. {M.G.L. Ch. 111 Sec. 142 A-E & 310 CMR 7.07} I have confirmed with DEP that the fences and sheds are not allowed to be burned either in the open or through a training burn by the fire department.

I don't know who made the suggestion to burn nor why no one on staff checked about the legality of burning versus use of a dumpster (likely at a lower cost i.e. fewer man-hours.) I realize this is just a contingency plan to restore the property if Hybid should cease operations sometime in the future. It is however a bit ironic when this process started because of a perceived degradation of the property that something which is a degradation of air quality is being considered.

Sincerely yours,

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