

Subject: Re: Planning Board meeting this Wednesday
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Hi Jim,

Please share these comments with the Planning Board, if you would like.

As far as I know, DEP has not approved Fiberight's application, despite CES/Fiberight saying, since February, that approval was coming any day now.

At the time of the last Planning Board meeting, their application was not in compliance with state and federal air emissions requirements.

The project will have underground storage tanks, both outdoor and underground, for methane produced by the Fiberight process and for wastewater. In their application, unless modified since the last PB meeting, there was no detection system for leaks, and there was no secondary containment of the storage tanks, if a leak developed. A leak of methane or wastewater would have very serious consequences for all of Hampden.

When Casella proposed to expand their landfill by putting a new cell over the original landfill, we warned that doing so would push the pool of contaminated leachate inside the landfill into the groundwater, which is exactly what happened. When methane began showing up in people's wells, we were dismayed, but not surprised. Once a project is approved, it's hard to undo the damage.

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