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Special Permit

Thank you for taking your valuable time to look at Blue Planet Energy LLC special permit application. Blue Planet Energy is located at Twin Maples Farm, an active, working farm for many years in Williamsburg. The purpose of Blue Planet Energy is to help manage forest and convert low grade logs into salable products. Blue Planet Energy is owned and operated by Michael Hebert, who has 40 years experience in land management and as a business owner.

The Blue Planet Energy business strategy is defined as 50% selling of firewood, 25% selling the services of a portable sawmill and 25% manufacturing pellet fuel. Helping customers manage their forest has been a service that Blue Planet Energy has offered for many years. Now by using a Portable Band Sawmill, for custom sawing to be used on the customers property, becomes more affordable for the customer. Sometimes the logs will be brought to Twin Maples Farm for processing. Twin Maples Farm is also preparing to thin out our own woods where the timber would be converted into more valuable lumber for sale. Blue Planet Energy has started a Land and Forestry Management program with Northampton/Easthampton Audubon Society for a new bird nesting project, that is seeking to clear the forest, harvest the firewood. The Land and Forestry Management program is used to utilize thinning out of waste wood into useable firewood and pellet energy.

The pellet manufacturing portion of the business is in the early development stage. Last year I obtained a Special Permit with the town of Goshen to manufacture pellet fuel in December of 2015. In April '16, the property was no longer available, Lashway Lumber is expanding, which is great for them, but left Blue Planet Energy looking for a location. The town of Goshen may have some land available next year that will serve the business needs.

The intent is to setup a small pellet manufacturing machine and equipment at Twin Maples Farm to get a feel for machinery layout, the manufacturing flow, perform the necessary R&D and product testing, while looking for a new location. This business will bring employment, added value to land owners and a new source of home heating fuel for the hilltowns.

We are asking for approval to this special permit so that Blue Planet Energy can proceed with Land and Forest Management, firewood processing, custom sawing and R&D pellet fuel manufacturing here at Twin Maples Farm, 106 South St.

Once again, Thank you for your time.
Michael E. Hebert
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