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1 House fire debris has been polluting Smith Brook for
2 years

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5 TEXT BODY:

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6 I really love Vermont! I often travel there to visit my
7 wife's 99-year-old mother who lives down a dirt road. We like to
8 visit Newfane, a beautiful and captivating New England small
9 town. Fat Crow, Four Columns Inn, and the Newfane General
10 Store give me hope that we can survive and enjoy each other's
company in these times of environmental disrespect.

11 What disturbs me — and, I am sure, many other water
12 lovers — is the pile of burned-out debris that runs along Smith
13 Creek, a flowing beautiful creek trying to stay alive. The debris
14 seems to be composed of a burned-out house, complete with a
15 burned-out boat, and potentially all the toxic materials that
16 compose a home.

17 Who owns this property? Why has it been allowed to
18 exist on Smith Creek, on the main road leading to Newfane right
19 on the waterway, for so many years?

20 For at least a dozen years I have said to myself, "The
21 town will take care of this." But, alas, the pile of pollution
22 continues to drastically affect this alive, flowing vein that
23 struggles to survive!

24 Having coordinated the Green River/Franklin Rivers
25 Cleanup in Greenfield, Massachusetts, for 22 years, I deeply care
26 about our water quality and the health of the precious watersheds
27 in all of New England and beyond.

28 I encourage all of you who live in the town of Newfane
29 and those who live in surrounding towns to speak up and seek a
30 quick solution to this eyesore in this beautiful town!

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