

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

ITEM NO. (4)

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

**MEETING DATE: October 12, 2004**

**TITLE: Request of Piedmont Biodiesel to place B100 tank at Public Works Yard**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ NO _ X _</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. Piedmont Biofuels Request (email)	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> George Seiz, 918-7427 Noah Ranells, 918-7326

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this item is to present the Board of Aldermen with a request made by Piedmont Biofuels to place a fuel tank for B100 at the Public Works facility. This tank may be used to provide B100 for Public Works needs and be used by up to 12 Piedmont Biofuels cooperative members for fueling their personal vehicles. A resolution has been prepared that acknowledges the Piedmont Biofuels request and directs staff to proceed with plans for implementation.

**SUMMARY**

Leif Forer, a co-founder of Piedmont Biofuels, made a formal request via email to place a 500-gallon B100 fuel tank at the Public Works facility (*Attachment B*). This request was also discussed in a meeting with staff from Public Works and Planning. Subsequent discussions have occurred with the Town Attorney and Town Manager. Generally, there is agreement that this proposal is acceptable provided that the town does not incur additional liability.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This request will permit the Town of Carrboro to conduct a trial using B100 fuel on two diesel-fueled vehicles. There is no additional fiscal impact of placing a 500-gallon B100 tank at the Public Works facility

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen direct staff to proceed with final plans for placement of a 500-gallon B100 fuel tank at the Public Works facility for a maximum period of one year, provided an acceptable site can be identified and necessary permits can be obtained.