



## **RECORD OF CONVERSATION**

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**Date: November 12, 2010**  
**Person Contacted: Sam Shaw, Windsor Locks, CT FAA FSDO**  
**NTSB Accident Number: ERA11LA050 – Fitchburg, MA**

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### **Narrative:**

This investigator interviewed Mr. Shaw by telephone. Mr. Shaw was the FAA inspector assigned to this accident investigation.

Mr. Shaw responded to the accident site and performed a preliminary inspection of the wreckage. The airplane was a 1944 North American T-6. He reported that this was a revenue, sightseeing flight. The pilot was in the forward seat and the passenger was in the aft seat. The airplane was on final approach to runway 32 at FIT, with gear and flaps down. There was a loss of engine power and the airplane landed short, and came to rest inverted in the Nashua River.

Initial inspection of the airplane revealed that the engine could be pulled through with no evidence of internal failure noted. The spark plugs were removed and showed no evidence of detonation or fouling. The mixture and throttle controls were full forward. The fuel selector was in the proper position.

