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Subject: 571 Great Rd SpringDell Farm

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Dear Members of the Planning Board,

I've watched several of the hearings and read what's available on the Town web pages regarding the permit requested by SpringDell Farm of 571 Great Rd.

Littleton's government representatives and residents have long professed the desire to promote and preserve open space in Littleton. The few farms that remain should be the top priority in the preservation process.

It would be horrible if any of these farms had to close for any reason. Yes, most of the land is held in Chapter 61 status, which gives Littleton the first option to purchase it at fair market value. We're all aware of how much this involves for everyone concerned. Is there enough money in the Town coffers to make a purchase that large? Probably not. Things don't always work out for open space protection in that process: Vint Couper's old farm comes to mind.

The owners of SpringDell have a deep appreciation and respect for that land. They have lived on the property for several generations. I cannot imagine they would do anything that would be damaging to the land, their livelihood, or endanger the lives of themselves and their children.

Sincerely,
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