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To:

Littleton Planning Board  
37 Shattuck St.  
Littleton, MA. 01460

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Re:

Special Permit Application  
Accessory Farm Use (section 173-57)  
SpringDell Farm 571 Great Road, Littleton, MA 01460

This note is to express our strong support for SpringDell Farm's special permit application. Maintaining local arable land, under excellent stewardship, should be a priority land use for Littleton. We live near SpringDell Farm and have found their presence greatly enhances our lives. There are very few food producing farms remaining and they are vital to our community's health, as well as the broader ecological environment. We have read their application for Accessory Farm use and the increased landscape materials business seems like a solid and complimentary use to existing and proposed expansion of food production.

Our modern economic environment makes local farming a very difficult endeavor and necessitates allowing farms to conduct ancillary businesses. SpringDell not only produces food, they provide an outlet for other local producers and a venue for community events. Additionally, Jamie Cruz (owner) donates to local charities and food pantries. SpringDell Farm is a valuable town resource and asset.

Additionally, we've read the abutters' letter and concerns that is available online. The proposed restrictions do not seem tenable for viable business operations. While we do not directly abut SpringDell Farm, we are nearby and can occasionally smell farm activity, which are fine country smells. Properly managed composting is not odiferous. They have proposed appropriate measures to mitigate noise and disturbances from the increased Accessory activities. Restricting their Accessory Farm Use to only part of the calendar year seems an unnecessary and unfair business hurdle. If any time restrictions are necessary for landscape materials business (e.g.: grinding, etc.) time-of-day ones would seem a more reasonable compromise. No time restrictions, calendar or time-of-day, should ever be applied to normal farming activity, including vehicles. Farming inherently operates on its own schedule.

It is in the community's interest that SpringDell Farm survives and thrives. The Town of Littleton should aid their efforts in whatever small way it can.

Sincerely,



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