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Subject: In Support of Special Permit for Springdell Farm

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To the Planning Board: Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments in support of the special permit for Springdell Farm. When my husband and I moved here 15 years ago we bought a summer share of produce at Springdell Farm. I think that was the first year of community supported agriculture (CSA) at Springdell, and it took off like a rocket. Since that time, Jamie and her team have expanded the CSA program to meat shares, flower shares, winter shares, and more. In addition to that she has put on numerous community and educational events over the years, such as BBQ nights in the summer, arts and crafts festivals, farm camp for kids (that's what my daughter called it), inviting the whole town to see the beauty of this vibrant, working farm. Jamie has also brought in other businesses such as Jordan's Seafood, Johnny Putt Farm, LittleTown Coffee, not to mention all the food she brings to the farmstand from small growers near and far.

Jamie has done so much for this community - providing fresh, local food to all of Littleton. This was especially notable during the height of the pandemic, when food shortages in the grocery stores, and the fear of shopping indoors, brought people in droves to Springdell. I have never seen such crowds there, and Jamie and her team did an amazing job, providing as much as they could to the residents of Littleton and beyond. So now it's time to support Jamie and John, as they work to find ways to preserve and protect their farm, which has been in Jamie's family for generations. The proposed plans in the application for special permit are well within the allowed uses of Sec. 173-57 Accessory businesses uses at active farms. The approval of this special permit will allow the farm to expand in an effort to remain viable and sustainable for years and generations to come.

Please vote yes on the special permit for Springdell Farm.

Thank you,

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