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Subject: SpringDell Farm permit application

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Members of the Littleton Planning Board,

I am writing in support of SpringDell Farm and the permit request for accessory use at an active farm. SpringDell Farm has long been an important agricultural operation, growing and supplying local produce to residents of Littleton and surrounding communities. The farm has grown from a small roadside farm stand into a year round operation, offering retail sales, as well as, year round CSA farm share opportunities. Jamie is a dedicated farmer who supports her customers, donates to the community, and supports other small businesses within her retail operation.

As a registered dietitian, I see daily, in my practice, clients whose lives have been impacted by diseases that could be prevented and/or lessened with attention to healthy diet, a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, avoidance of pesticides and food additives. SpringDell Farm offers so much to consumers who wish to improve their diets and health. As a four season shareholder of the farm, I can attest to the wide variety of healthful foods that the farm offers.

Jamie is dedicated to, not only her own piece of farmland on Great Road, but to ensuring good agricultural practices beyond the Littleton Community. She has donated her time, serving on the Middlesex County Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation. At this juncture, she seeks a permit that will allow her to create a composting business. This business will ensure that SpringDell Farm remains intact and is able to grow, producing more healthy local product for Littleton and surrounding communities. The offerings provided by the farm support our health with fresh farm produce, support other growers and small businesses and bring consumers to Littleton. I urge you to grant permit to allow this beautiful gem of farmland to expand and grow, supporting Littleton agriculture and the entire community. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely
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