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Subject: SpringDell Farm proposal

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Hello, my name is Ann Burbank and I am a resident of Leominster. I have been frequenting SpringDell Farm for many decades while I was a teacher in Acton. Once they offered a CSA program, I participated. I travel 1/2 hour from Leominster to SpringDell Farm weekly during my CSA weeks. I do this because I love their produce and other local goodies, I believe in the farming practices that Jamie Cruz uses on SpringDell, I love supporting small businesses, and I enjoy doing my other shopping in Littleton. When I make my weekly jaunts to SpringDell Farm, it generally is followed up with shopping at Littleton's Market Basket, CVS, and sometimes meeting a friend for lunch in a local restaurant. I believe there are probably many people in my position who do not live in Littleton but frequent the farm and its surrounding businesses. I support Jamie Cruz and her safe, creative proposal, which would be an asset to Littleton and would assist her in keeping her farmland. I have watched the recordings of the past two planning board meetings and came away feeling even stronger about supporting Jamie and her endeavors. I have never met anyone who cares so much about farming and the environment around her. She would never do anything that would harm her land or that of her surrounding neighbors. I just wanted to take this opportunity to voice my thoughts to you as you are making a decision that will impact SpringDell farm one way or another. I ask that you keep in mind that there are many who live outside of Littleton who love your beautiful farms and would hate to see some of your precious farmland go to house developers so that the farmers can stay afloat. Please consider her proposal.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, Ann Burbank SpringDell Farm supporter Leominster Resident