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Subject: SpringDell Farm

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Maren,

My name is Karla Hailer and I am writing to you to support the special permit for Jamie Cruz and SpringDell Farm.

I live on just on the Acton side of the Littleton border; however, I spend a lot of time (and money) at the farms in Littleton, particularly SpringDell. I know that farming is expensive and it pains me to see more and more local farms turning into subdivisions. Last I checked, the Divine wasn't making any more land and it is imperative we protect what bits of farm land and open space we can as stewards of the world. The operation Jamie is discussing would not create a nuisance, allow a stream of income to maintain the wonderful products and resources of SpringDell and continue to allow people, such as myself, safe supplemental amendments, for my smaller spaces. As someone who watches such thing (trust me, there are local farms I do NOT support given their practices), the crew at SpringDell are responsible stewards of the land. I do believe this expanded operation and services would be in keeping with the practices and philosophies I see in practice currently at the farm.

It is important the broader community do all we can to support those with the stamina and commitment to continue farming. Please grant this special permit and allow SpringDell to become a larger farm with more services to, in turn, help local gardeners and (wish we could be real) farmers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karla Hailer