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**Subject:** Support of the Accessory Use at Active Farm Special Permit for SpringDell Farm at 571 Great Road

Dear Members of the Board,

We are writing in support of the Accessory Use at Active Farm Special Permit for SpringDell Farm at 571 Great Road. SpringDell Farm is a valuable part of the community not only for maintaining the character of the town by having working farms but for the high quality produce it provides.

The April 20, 2017 *Littleton Master Plan* gives the first goal on page 2:

"To maintain Littleton's small-town character as the town continues to develop through stewardship of its natural resources and open space, forests, **working farms**, and lakes." (Emphasis added)

A recommendation to help Littleton thrive in the future is on page 7 is:

**"Promote and increase support for local farms** in order to maintain agriculture as a vital component of Littleton's economy" (Emphasis added)

We understand that a permit should not be granted just because it conforms to the Master Plan. Some abutters have reasonable concerns, however, these concerns can be mitigated through permit conditions. The operators at SpringDell Farm are reasonable people and responsible neighbors who will work with abutters to eliminate impacts.

Please grant the Accessory Use at Active Farm Special Permit for SpringDell Farm at 571 Great Road to maintain the character of the town and allow the farm to succeed so that it can continue to provide the residents of the Town of Littleton with high quality produce.

Marian and Dave Harwood