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Cc: Rob Toombs
Subject: Springdell special permit

Hello,

My name is Tracey Toombs and I am writing to provide my opinion on the special permit being requested by Springdell Farm. Thank you for taking the time to read this message. I will attend the meeting but wanted to get this on paper.

I have been a Littleton resident since 2000. My husband and I previously lived on Russell Street and now reside on Gray Farm Road. Our daughter is now a freshman in high school and we have been in the town long enough to see many changes.

Springdell has been our farm and Jamie “our farmer” for most of the time we’ve lived in town. We have been members of the meat share and vegetable/fruit CSA for many years. While we have seen many changes with the farm stand, Jamie’s commitment to her customers, the town and her little piece of land have never wavered.

I am 100% confident that every choice that she makes is one that will help to keep the land as a farm and not an empty space and not as a development of homes, apartments or some other business. Farming is in her blood. She is raising her children on the farm and wants to have a farm available to them when they’re older.

Her mother has been very involved in the day to day but she wants to take a step back and I can’t blame her. She has worked hard and deserves to do what she wants and to receive fair compensation for her piece of the land. To make sure that happens without splitting up the land, Jamie and her family have a plan. That plan seems to be getting some pushback but it sounds as if that is happening without learning about the plan details.

Jamie has always been open to sharing what’s going on with the farm and her family and this work is no different. Every change to the farm has benefited the community and I think that her plans for the composting will be no different. She showcases other local small businesses at the farm stand and had opened up the farm to visitors and even had our Girl Scout troop there when my daughter was younger.

We’ve seen too many farms close because they can’t afford to run their business and her proposed plan will allow her to continue running the farm and providing us with the fruits of her hard labor. We’ve all experienced supply chain issues and it has been a huge comfort to know exactly where my food comes from and its availability.

We support her plan and hope that you will vote to approve this permit.

Thank you.
Tracey Toombs