Hi Robin,

I wanted to provide a bit more feedback on a few sections based on my thinking and some of the comments we received at the last public hearing.

In the survey, I did suggest that the reg move to 5 acres and to define the Farm cafe, but here are some more thoughts

Cafe definition:
I am not precisely sure what the definition should be, but defining it as being subordinate to both the farm and the tasting room is probably the direction I would go. I am in favor of having some sort of farm to table restaurant regulation that might share common elements with this regulation, but don't think we are ready to bite that off yet so I think it makes sense to be clear that the cafe is not a restaurant.

Description and Purpose - I am not much of a writer, but here is a stab at expanding the description. This is intended mostly to be illustrative of point I think should be included:
The intent of this regulation is to allow for economic diversity and sustainability of agricultural uses and to preserve agricultural activities while protecting neighboring property owners from possible disruptions caused by agritourism activities. These uses are permitted as accessory uses to an agricultural operation and should remain subordinate and incidental to the primary agricultural use. This regulation in no way is intended to limit the growing, producing, or distributing of agricultural products including beer, cider, wines, or liquor as allowed under Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 1-1(q).

Standards:
I think we should make reference that the CGS standards need to be met and proved the CGS number

just some thoughts for your and the board's consideration.

Thanks, Josh

On Fri, Apr 24, 2020 at 9:04 AM Robin Newton <rnewton@townofdurhamct.org> wrote:

Good Morning Commission Members,

I am following up to my request below. Many of you have already responded, thank you very much. If you have not yet taken the survey please do so by the end of the day so that I may have time to make changes to the draft and send out with ample time before the next public hearing. Thanks so much and have a great weekend.
Good Morning Commission Members,

Please find attached a link to a survey monkey with some questions to assist in moving forward with the above referenced regulation proposal. This link is only being provided to commission members and the results will be shared at the continued public hearing. Please do not share the link with others.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XPYRFMH

Thanks in advance. If you have any trouble accessing it please let me know. I will use the information obtained from this survey to assist in updating the draft regulation for this Friday. A new draft will be emailed out for discussion at the continued public hearing.

Robin Newton, CZEO

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