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The Park at Beaver Brook Open Space Commercial Development Hearing

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Dear members of the Planning Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Agricultural Commission which discussed the current proposal at our meeting this week. We are familiar with the parcels and had discussed them extensively in 2023 in order to respond to a survey from the Town Planner.

Of particular interest to the Ag Com are the parcels referred to as Lots 16 and 17 in the documents.

These have a long history of highly productive agricultural use and contain prime farmland. The Conservation Restriction for this area should be tailored to require agricultural production to resume and be open not only to forage products under a Grassland Management Plan but other crops as well.

This is consistent with the Open Space and Recreation Plan goal of "Preserving farmland and soils favorable for agriculture and to encourage agricultural land uses."

The Commission also noted that the number of proposed buildings and other impervious areas has decreased and is supportive of the project.

Thanks you,

Owen

Owen J. Neville, Chair

Boxborough Agricultural Commission