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Alex Rossetti – Planning & Zoning Administrator
Planning & Zoning Department
City of Shelton
54 Hill Street
Shelton, CT 06484

May 20, 2022

Re: Application #22-04, Farm Stand

Dear Planning & Zoning Commission,

The Jones family would like to offer our farm's endorsement of the subject application (P&Z Appl. #22-04) to amend zoning regulations to improve the ability to retail agricultural and related products. Our family has been farming the land for over 175 years. We know that Shelton has taken great strides in both preserving agricultural lands in use and providing Farmer's Market space in which to sell farm produce. Updating the Zoning Regulations and Schedule Standards is an important step in that overall direction.

Keeping an agricultural business viable and healthy in these dynamic economic times, as well as navigating the variable climate and changing buyer habits, requires flexibility. A farm that is both, viable and healthy, encourages the next generation to pursue their passion to carry on the family tradition of being stewards of the land and managing a successful agricultural operation.

Growing crops on land with prime soils and selling the produce in that same location is not always possible. Reaching the consumer in the most productive retail place is just as important as growing the crops in the most productive fields.

Farming is a complex mix of decisions, affecting not just today, but also the future. Investments in equipment, facilities, and the planting of crops will impact the next generation of farmers and they need assurance zoning regulations will support their agricultural endeavors.

We ask that you take into careful consideration how this outcome will influence not only the community of residents, but also the farming community and how they prepare for the future.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Jones
Jones Family Farms
Managing Member and on behalf of the entire Jones Family