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Board of Selectmen
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Gentlemen,

The Tea Lane Farm proposal was well presented at the recent Selectmen's meeting. I fear that one option for preserving this farm that was not given enough consideration.

Can Tea Lane Farm be preserved by selling it to a private owner? With restrictions on the deed, or changes to the zoning bylaws, won't the property continue to look the way it does now? The town will avoid over \$500,000 in expenses, gain proceeds from the sale, and gain again when the property taxes are paid.

Of course, this is a simplification of the issue. It does not mean to ignore or insult the hard work and good intentions that have gone before. But it does reflect how things have changed in the last 10 years. Please consider a warrant item that lets the town meeting vote on this proposal.

Sincerely



John Ayer (Jay)

