

Hello Mike - please share this email with the members of the P&Z Commission

In early September we had a discussion relating to farms stands and I learned that the current regulations require a minimum of 3 acres to legally have a farm stand. I brought this matter to the attention of the Economic Development Commission at their September meeting, and after a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed that I should contact the P&Z commission and ask them to review the farm stand regulations. Many farm related products can be produced on less than a cultivated acre and yield supplemental income for New Hartford families. Today most farms start small, and it is important that our residents have the opportunity to “test the waters” as it were and see if farming holds a future for them. Please review your farm stand regulations and consider creating a small farm stand category that would allow residents on smaller parcels of land to legally sell their agricultural products to their neighbors and community. This new regulation should include guidelines for the size , location on the property, etc.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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from my iPad