

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARMLAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

June 7, 2012

9:30am

Lebanon Farm Tours

Lebanon Agricultural Reserve; Beltane Farm; Greywall Farm

- I. **9:30am** Farmland Preservation Advisory Board Call to order at Lebanon Agricultural Reserve (575 ac) – Roger Foote Road and Norwich Avenue, Lebanon; meet at the State Dairy facility on Roger Foote Road, leased by M & K dairy (Kim Able and Mike Shaw). Discuss farm activities including NRCS-Environmental Quality Incentive Program and Farmland Restoration Program projects visit and coffee at cabin on Savin Lake
- II. **10:15am** Beltane Farm Dairy (Paul Trubey and Mark Pearsall) – Roger Foote and Taylor Bridge Roads, Lebanon; Projected to be our 1st Community Farm Preservation Program Farm (22 +/-acres) a cooperative project with the DOAg, NRCS, CFT and Town of Lebanon. The goat cheese/milking dairy supplies restaurants and farmer markets with goat cheeses, milk, and yogurts. Also an approved Farmland Restoration Program application clearing about 6 acres for hay and pasture lands.
- III. **11:00am** Greywall Farm (Robin and Lincoln Chesmer) – Chappell Hill Road, Lebanon; PDR farm among 12 farms comprised of 1,550 +acre cluster of preserved farmlands. Hear and learn about a modern dairy established partly as a result of the continued 20 year efforts of the Farmland Preservation Program that began in 1990. (PDR farms: 180 ac – Manning (1993); 150 ac – Kurchinik (1994); 120 ac – Chesmer (1997); 156 ac - McCaw (2012); 191 ac - Babcock Hill (1994); 185 ac – Bartizek (2003); 98 ac – Lamb (2006); 48 ac - Kozikowski (2006); 160 ac - Miner/Beckwith (2008); 71 ac - Crane (2007); 41 ac - Miner (2008); 168 ac – Cone (1991); One of the area more modern farms in terms of cow comfort and agricultural and waste product management.
- IV. **11:45am** Greywall Farm - REVIEW OF March 5, 2012 MINUTES: (G. Hindinger)
- V. **BUSINESS:**
 1. Budget and Legislative update (S. Reviczky/G. Hindinger)
 2. FLP Program update summary. (S. Reviczky/J. Dippel)
 - A. Farmland Preservation Program
 - B. Community Farms Preservation Program
 3. Farmland Restoration Program (S. Reviczky/J. Dippel)
 4. Governor's Council for Agricultural Development (S. Reviczky/G. Hindinger)
- VI. **SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:**
- VII. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

As necessary
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Next meeting; Monday, September 10th, 2012; 9:30am.

Discussion – Meet at a Farm or Department of Agriculture, Large Conference Room, Hartford?