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Planning and Zoning Commission
Town of Franklin
7 Meeting House Hill Road
Franklin, CT 06254

Re: Bond Reduction Request
Franklin Organic Farms
931 Route 32
Latest Town of Franklin Application PZC #20-01
TEI File #20-007

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Windham Materials LLC the bond holder for the Excavation Permit for the Franklin Organic Mushrooms which was renewed on March 19, 2020 as PZC #20-01 respectfully request a reduction in the bond for this excavation.

The date of the permit renewal does not correspond with renewal date for the bond. We should have requested a reduction of the bond before now but with the offset timing it did not come up.

By way of history: In approximately 2006 as the result of an enforcement action the Commission set the bond amount at \$150,000. That bond has been renewed annually with the current bond set for renewal on May 22, 2020.

Windham Materials intends to renew the current bond so that there is no lapse in the coverage and if the Commission grants the requested reduction, once they are able to provide documentation to the Bonding Company that the reduction has been approved, they will supply an amended bond document at the approved reduced amount.

For reference the excavation on the adjacent Franklin – Nasin property is (and has been since 2008) \$4000.00 cash + \$40,000.00 commercial surety.

The site has now been almost fully excavated and what work remains is spreading the stockpiled topsoil/subsoil, shaping the final embankments, and seeding the site. A large portion of the site has already had the topsoil/subsoil spread and there are no active or potential erosion or sediment control issues.

Not taking into account that any of this site has been stabilized:

- Total area of excavation: 22 acres
- Spreading stockpiled topsoil/arable subsoil: \$0.90/ cubic yard
- 22 acres = 958,320 square feet @ 6 inches = 17,747 cubic yards
- Seeding \$1250.00/acre
- Therefore:
 - o Final grading = 17,747 cubic yards * \$0.90/ cubic yard = \$15,972
 - o Seeding = 22 acres * \$1250/acre = \$27,500

Final Grading	\$16,000.00
+ Seeding	<u>\$27,500.00</u>
Subtotal	\$43,500.00
+10% contingency	<u>\$ 4,350.00</u>
Total	\$47,850.00

Therefore request that the new bond amount be set at \$50,000.00.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,



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For: Towne Engineering, Inc.

Cc: Harold Hopkins, Windham Materials, LLC