

December 28, 2006

Dear Lebanon Landowner:

The Town of Lebanon recognizes the importance of protecting the valuable natural resources and cultural, historic and family heritage of Lebanon. The Town is working to preserve Lebanon's agricultural and forest land base, and is working with landowners who are interested in preserving their property. On Saturday, January 27, 2007 the Town will host a **Land Preservation Options Conference** from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium, 917 Exeter Road. Your presence at this forum is desired!

Please mark your calendar: Land Preservation Options Conference
Saturday, January 27, 2007
Lyman Memorial High School, 917 Exeter Road
9:00 a.m. - Noon (8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments)

We are gathering together a group of experts in the fields of farmland preservation, forest preservation, and estate planning. This educational workshop is intended to inform property owners to various land preservation options and opportunities available to them. Many options include financial incentives to preserve land, including tax benefits to selling property below market rate to a land trust, the State's Farmland Preservation Program, and other preservation options.

Speakers will include:

- ✓ UConn Extension Forester and Green Valley Institute Co-Director – Stephen Broderick
- ✓ Family Land Planning Specialist – Fredrick “Fritz” Gahagan, Esq.
- ✓ Director CT Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation Program - Jay Dippel
- ✓ USDA/Natural Resource Conservation Service and State Soil Scientist – Kip Kolesinskas

Handout materials will be provided and ample opportunity will be given for questions and answers. In addition, representatives from Joshua Land Trust, CT Farmland Trust, CT Farm Bureau, American Farmland Trust, and Lebanon Conservation Commission will be on hand to answer questions.

Conference funding is provided by a State Department of Agriculture Farm Viability Grant. Anyone with questions or requiring special accommodations should contact Philip Chester, Lebanon Town Planner, 642-2006, PChester@lebanontownhall.org.

You are receiving this letter because you own 25+ acres of land in Lebanon; however, if you know of others who would be interested in attending the conference please invite them along!