



KLOTER FARMS

Quality is the foundation on which we build.

Thursday, October 16, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Ellington Economic Development Commission (EDC) for their help and support in our application and award of a tax abatement through the Tax Abatement Program (TAP).

In 2011, our business, Kloter Farms, suffered a total loss of our 10,000 square foot retail store due to a fire. In our early efforts to determine how to rebuild, Ellington town staff provided guidance and help through the permitting and approval process. The staff also directed us to the EDC to see if they could provide any assistance through the TAP program. The EDC was a willing and vocal supporter of our efforts, and with the continued assistance of town staff we were able to submit a formal application to the EDC in 2011. The application was approved at their next meeting and then supported by the Board of Selectman. It was then passed at a town meeting.

The tax abatement that we received over a period of two years allowed us to put more money into the building and add to the overall square footage. There are architectural details that we would not have been able to include if our budget was based upon the insurance proceeds alone. At all times, the EDC and town staff were helpful and informative about the process that we knew very little about. I think that encouraging existing businesses to grow and potential new businesses to locate in Ellington is exciting and would be a smart business strategy for the Town of Ellington to engage in.

I would be glad to discuss our experience with anyone that is interested. I also extend an invitation to stop in and see the new retail store and site improvements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Welti".

Peter Welti
President
Kloter Farms