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Dear Mr. Smolak,

*You called me asked for my recollection and input concerning the property at 494 Ipswich Road formerly owned by my father, Otis Curtis.*

*What was important to my father was that his property, remain as a farm. He spent may years there taking care of his woods and fields, clearing out the brush and trees that were not good, to create a healthy forest.*

*There were several things that he had in mind when he put the conditions on the deed of the farm.*

- He wanted the property to be actively farmed.*
- He wanted the woods to be cared for and to remain healthy*
- If the house was to be rebuilt, it was to be the same footprint size of the current house.*
- Whoever bought the farm should be able to clear land for more fields.*
- If there was to be an active farm, then that person should be able to construct additional agricultural buildings.*

*Before you bought it, we talked about your plans to clear more land for fields in order to increase the ability to grow more crops. You said that you were running out of growing land and that this would be a great way to increase you ability to grow more. Also was mentioned digging a pond for irrigation. You also told me about your talks with the man that wrote the soils map guide who said that that soil on that corner was the best in the county.*

*You also explained how you wanted to improve the woods there with the help of the Federal government and a forestry consultant. When you called me about possibly growing Christmas trees, I told you that as far as I was concerned that that was a crop after you told me about the discussions you had with the Boxford Conservation Commission. You also told me about your plans to grow chestnut trees to grow chestnuts there as well.*

*From our earlier talks and from what you have told me about your plans, I believe that this is what my father, Otis, had in mind for his farm and I fully support what you propose to do with that property. I feel this is what my father had in mind for his farm when he put it into preservation and the conservation restriction that he entered into with Boxford.*

Respectfully,

Janis Bailey

