

Memorandum of Understanding between Beetlebung Farm LLC and the Chilmark Board of Selectmen

Beetlebung Farm LLC (BBF) is offering this MOU as a requirement by the Chilmark Board of Selectmen (Chilmark). It is our statement of intent only and establishes our broad intended uses for the proposed barn at 410 Middle Road as permitted by relevant state and local law and regulation.

BBF aspires to become a self-sustaining, regenerative market garden and educational farm growing delicious, healthful food for our community twelve months a year in an ecologically positive way.

Intended agricultural uses for our proposed barn as permitted by state and local law and regulation include livestock housing; storage for feed, grain, and equipment for livestock and other farm needs: workshop; farm stand, farm crew locker room, root cellar, refrigeration and freezer storage, grain mill and farm processing kitchen, wash and pack, hay storage, packaging and supply storage and open space for the processing, drying, curing and storage of vegetables, seeds, herbs, flowers, dyes, and other cultivated edible or plant materials.

Beetlebung Farm will not be a large scale commercial undertaking but instead will be a place for ecologically positive, economically viable, small-scale food production, processing and learning.

We value farming on foot and crafting by hand while modeling self-sufficiency which harkens back to pre-industrialization agrarian living and its accompanying reliance on food preservation, minimal waste and hand crafts. It is our hope that the mixed crops and other items grown, processed and offered on the farm will be in demand and create year-round engagement with the community.

Our low-impact uses will not encourage any increase in daily traffic in and around Beetlebung Corner.

It is our intent to operate BBF consistent with the law and spirit of all land use and agricultural requirements of Chilmark and MA State Law. We hope the addition of our proposed barn, which is allowed by right and which will facilitate our small scale farm on 6+ acres in Chilmark, will be an important and appropriate addition to Chilmark and the Island.

Any material changes required for the BBF plan, not within the rights accorded to the Farm, will be applied for via the appropriate agencies to the extent necessary to obtain any relevant approvals.