



Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Carroll County Farm and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

Regarding the operation and maintenance of the high tunnel greenhouse structure located at the county complex at Water Village Rd. in Ossipee, NH.

Background:

UNH Cooperative Extension and Carroll County have collaborated on agricultural research projects at the County Farm in Ossipee. In May 2014, funds were awarded to UNH Cooperative Extension from the NH Association of Conservation Districts and the Carroll County Conservation District for the purpose of building a high tunnel greenhouse on county property to conduct research and education programs. Since 2015, UNH Cooperative Extension has maintained the high tunnel and paid for supplies thru partnerships and grants awarded to the UNH Extension agricultural field specialist in Carroll County.

Purpose:

The purpose of the high tunnel greenhouse is for the county field specialist from UNH Cooperative Extension to conduct vegetable, fruit or conservation focused research trials and education programs in conjunction and with the aid of the Carroll County farm staff. The high tunnel is to be used primarily to conduct vegetable research trials, to produce food for the county farm as it fits into the research trials schedule and may also be used as a sight for agriculture education demonstrations and programs.

Roles and Responsibilities:

UNH Cooperative Extension will

- Conduct research on vegetable trials, agricultural growing techniques and best practices.
- Offer educational workshops for farmers and growers.
- Provide growing and maintenance supplies, including but not limited to seeds, fertilizer, hand tools, irrigation for inside the high tunnel, plastic cover, row covers, etc.
- Offer any produce harvested from vegetable trails from the county property to the kitchen staff at the nursing home, with excess given to local area food banks and meal programs.

Carroll County Farm will

- Be responsible for general site maintenance around the structure including but not limited to:
 - snow removal
 - mowing and brushing around the green house
 - providing water to the greenhouse

Termination:

When both parties (UNH Cooperative Extension or Carroll County) determine that the high tunnel has outlived its usefulness, the county will gain full management of the greenhouse to use as it sees fit or remove the structure and its components.

Ken La Valley
Director, UNH Extension

Date: _____

Will DeWitte
Carroll County Farm Manager

Date: 5 MAY 2021

Terry McCarthy
Carroll County Commissioners, Chair

Date: May 05, 2021