## TOWN OF DEEP RIVER

## CLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS FARMLAND

## **GUIDELINES**

- 1. Applicant must have been farming for a period of at least <u>one</u> year prior to application.
- 2. Applicant must supply **proof of farming** by submitting a copy of "Farm Page" of his/her Federal Income Tax Return (Schedule F).
- 3. Applicant must file a Personal Property Declaration annually as a farming operation/business.
- 4. Applicant must have farming equipment in use (unless farmland is leased).

## FARM APPLICATION CHECK LIST

First time filers: If you meet the above criteria, use this checklist as a guide to ensure that you have everything you need to complete your New Farm Land application. Please be advised the Assessor may require additional information beyond what is described below. If you have any questions or concerns and for all other applicants, kindly contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 526-6029.

	Fully complete Page 1 of farm application (with every property owner's signatures on it).
	Map of property, specifying location and acreage of land that classification is being applied for.
	Aerial map of property which you can get from the following websites:
	https://www.google.com/maps/
	Itemized list of farm equipment and tools used for farming operations.
	Copy of last year's IRS Schedule F (Profit and loss statement from farming).
First time filers/LEASING Land to Farmer: <u>In addition</u> to the items above, also include the following documents as described in the checklist below to complete application process:	
	Fully complete Page 2 of farm application (with every property owner's (Lessor's) signatures and renter's (Lessee's) signatures).
	Copy of written lease agreement between property owner and farmer.
	Copy of farmer's last year's IRS Schedule F (Profit and Loss statement from farming).

Application <u>must</u> be filed with Assessor for verification between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. Persons seeking the farmland assessment should meet the above guidelines. Please contact the Assessor to discuss any circumstances which may prevent you from meeting the above guidelines. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.