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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Philip S. Chester, AICP
Date: October 27, 2009
Re: Request to Apply for 2009 Agriculture Viability Grant Funding

The Town of Lebanon was notified last week by the Department of Agriculture that the State would be accepting applications for the 2009 Agriculture Viability Grant program on November 13, 2009. As you are aware, the Town has applied for and received these grants each year when they have been offered to conduct the following activities:

- ✓ property appraisals;
- ✓ planning studies (cost of community services study, building out analysis, resident survey, farm-building tax exemption study);
- ✓ educational seminars;
- ✓ farmers market;
- ✓ computer hardware and software (GIS);
- ✓ web site development; and,
- ✓ town entrance signs.

For the 2009 grant we would be looking to apply for up to \$50,000 to conduct the following activities:

1.	Property appraisals for farmland preservation parcels	\$ 9,000+/-
2.	Property surveys for farmland preservation parcels	10,000+/-
3.	Farmers market advertising, entertainment, signage, etc.	5,000+/-
4.	Town entrance replacement sign	1,500+/-
5.	Education seminar(s)	2,000+/-
6.	Animal costumes (cow, corn, vegetable)	3,000+/-
7.	Plan of Conservation and Development funding	<u>15,000+/-</u>
		\$45,500+/-

The State requires a match in in-kind staff time, which covers my time.

Suggested motion: *That the Board of Selectmen authorizes the First Selectman to apply for a 2009 Agricultural Viability Grant for up to \$50,000 as described in the Town Planner's memo dated 10/27/09.*