

Please join the Maselli Farm Committee, Town administrators and master plan consultants on **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm (snow date: Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm) in the cafeteria of Dunbar Hill School**, located at 315 Lane Street (at the corner of Lane and Benham Streets) for an informational public input session regarding the future use of the former Maselli Farm.

The property at 390 Gilbert Avenue Rear, formerly known as the Maselli Farm, was established in 1890 by the Benham family. The farm was one of the few family-owned and operated farms which continued its agricultural output into the twenty-first century. The property was purchased and expanded in the 1940's by the Maselli family who farmed it through 2006. It was almost sold to developers in 2008. Through the tireless efforts of various boards and commissions and the surrounding community, the destruction of this prized piece of Hamden's agricultural history was halted. The Town stepped in and purchased the property and agreed to maintain it as open space. The land has remained virtually untouched since then with the exception of the ½ acre farmhouse parcel which was sold to Habitat for Humanity which restored the farmhouse. Also housed on the farm property is the Maselli Farm Barn which is listed on the Connecticut Trust's Historic Barns of Connecticut (2012).

The Town is dedicated to maintaining the Maselli Farm property as open agricultural space and hopes to see the land regain its original viability for agriculture as well as becoming a possible educational community asset. With only two remaining working farms in Hamden's 33 square miles, the Maselli Farm poses a critical opportunity for the Town to preserve and revitalize its agricultural history for the next generations.

The Town is interested in finding the best future use for the property and received State of CT Dept. of Agriculture grant funds to perform a feasibility study to determine a master plan that would include a combination of agricultural, educational and passive recreational uses for the land. The Town wants to hear from neighbors, residents and interested parties alike. What types of agricultural, educational and passive recreational activities would you like to see at 390 Gilbert Avenue Rear?

The consultants have been hard at work and have lots of information and ideas to share. The Town hopes you'll be able to join us to share your own!

MASELLI FARM MASTER PLAN  
PUBLIC INPUT SESSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD @ 7PM  
DUNBAR HILL SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
315 LANE STREET

(SNOW DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH @ 7PM)



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