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Agawam's 911 Burgers and Dogs sold to Autumn Mist Farms

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Derrick Turnbull of Autumn Mist Farm, pictured in 2020 with a case of his farm's beef at the Big Y supermarket in Southwick, says his family business is branching out with the purchase of the former 911 Burgers and Dogs in Agawam. (Hoang 'Leon' Nguyen / The Republican file photo)



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AGAWAM — Burgers are set to return to the former 911 Burgers and Dogs building, with a new owner planning a “farm-to-table” restaurant and meat store there.

Autumn Mist Farm LLC bought the property at 1157 North Westfield St. in Feeding Hills on Dec. 14 for \$325,000, according to records filed with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

Autumn Mist owner Derrick Turnbull said he hopes to open before spring after carrying out renovations, purchasing new equipment and creating an all-new menu.

“We have delivered fresh beef to local [Big Y stores](#) each week for some time now,” Turnbull said. “Customers were asking where else can they get our products. We thought (buying the 911 building) was a great opportunity. People will be able to stop in on their way home pick up a couple of nice ribeye steaks and throw them in an air fryer for 20 minutes for a nice dinner.”

According to Turnbull, the farm at 300 North West St. is a family-owned business, raising cattle as naturally and as humanely as possible. The family makes its own feed without hormones and steroids to create the healthiest lifestyle for the cattle, and in turn their customers.

“We don’t know where the farm-to-table concept will lead us, but we are staying positive,” he said. “We wanted to get our feet wet and see where it goes. It is a chance for us to give back to other beef lovers with the quality of our products.”

Turnbull said for now the family is creating a mock menu that will include specialty burgers and roast beef sandwiches complete with a one-of-a-kind dip. He is also excited to open a place where patrons will be able to pick up freshly butchered beef directly from the producer.

“There are still some real beef lovers out there, who aren’t looking for a plant-based burger, and it’s our time to shine,” he said.

[Autumn Mist Farm](#) will be looking to hire culinary experts, daytime cooks and weekend waitstaff for the new location, Turnbull said.

On Nov. 21, [911 Burgers and Dogs](#) closed its doors for good after decades of “rescuing appetites.” It was another family business, started in 1984 by James and Rose Marie Mercadante. Their son, Agawam City Councilor Dino Mercadante and his wife, Mary, decided earlier this year to retire and sell the property, which also included their home.



911 Burgers & Dogs in Agawam in final days

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