

Wakeman Town Farm

May 17, 2017 Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Amy Ancel, Christy Colasurdo, Alice Ely, Oliver Gaffney, Liz Milwe, Ilene Mirkine, Eve Pensak, Cathy Talmadge

Others Present: Anne Burmeister, Kathryn Saphire

1. General

Liz thanked Christy for writing a grant application that received a \$2,000 rotary grant for the farm. Also thanked her for pushing to ensure benefits for our new Farm Director position. Thanked Eve for helping create a “jobs” list for our new director. Thanked the whole committee for working together on a variety of projects at the farm and also at outside events, including the recent Dog Festival.

2. Animal Care

We discussed forming an Animal Care committee to address animal care needs. Anne is spearheading this effort and has been working with Judy to create an awesome team to cover all summer animal care needs.

3. Garden Care

Alice’s Master Gardener program has been working out amazingly well. One of the Master Gardener interns has offered to create a useful “manual” for the farm with information about all the plants on the farm including care instructions, etc. She will label the plants as well. They are working on several meaningful jobs, like bringing the children’s garden back to life.

4. Volunteer Update

Amy A will funnel Animal Care inquiries to Anne/Judy and Gardening inquiries to Alice. We’d like to find someone on the committee to take on the role of creating a central database or notebook with the contacts for all volunteer inquiries so we can have them all in one place and know who to call in when we need different volunteer tasks done. The third volunteer category is events/general service hours. Things like Family Fun Day or Harvest Fest, where volunteers come in and work for a few hours sometimes in exchange for credit. We really need a volunteer coordinator.

5. Solar

Kathryn did a great presentation about solar. While we can’t afford the option right now, we asked her to look into whether we could piggyback with any other town project to make it affordable. She and Cathy T will research options.

6. Landscape

Oliver gave an overview of where we stand with plant orders and logistics.