

Wakeman Town Farm

January 10, 2018 Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Amy Ancel, Alice Ely, Lisa Finn, Liz Milwe, Ilene Mirkine, Eve Pensak

Others Present: Anne Burmeister, Christy Colasurdo, Terri Piekara, Susan Schmidt, Corey Thomas

1. Website - Christy Colasurdo and Terri Piekara have been working with a web designer and presented a new, re-designed website to better reflect the Farm and its current programming and offerings. The work was done pro-bono. WTF folks will do ongoing updates - designer will give us a PDF of necessary code, etc. to accomplish this. Following discussion about compensating the web designer, a motion was brought by Amy Ancel, seconded by Eve Pensak, and unanimously approved by the Farm Committee to give the designer a \$1,000 stipend.
2. Internship Program - Corey Thomas has been coordinating efforts to set up this years SHS Spring Intern program with help from Alice Ely and Anne Burmeister, identifying projects to be done, lining up guest speakers, and more. The goal is to have each intern work on a project to completion during the 3-week term. Adult helpers to include Anne, Alice and Eve.
3. Farm & Animal Overview - Corey Thomas gave us a review: there is a lot going on at the Farm even in these cold days of winter. We will participate in the Maker Faire, are considering getting a (used/old) truck for deliveries, have gotten planting plans underway, collaborating with the SHS Principal on projects, will continue visits from Giant Steps students in the spring, talking with beekeepers about maintaining beehives at the farm, setting up farm visits to local (and VT) farms, working with a HS student on his Eagle Scout project (clearing a trail and making/installing signage).
4. Fundraising - Idea generating for ongoing fundraising. Looking to identify projects for sponsorship (such as a fenced area for grazing, chicken tractor, etc.)
5. Animal Subcommittee - Corey reported on the Animal Subcommittee work, in particular, goals related to the WTF "Animal Mission". We discussed many possibilities concerning our animal care as our animals grow older and acquiring eventually younger animals. The discussion included ideas for waste management and compost management . We are looking into sharing our compost with other gardeners. Corey is creating a timeline for the board for his future plans for the animals. This discussion will continue through the winter.

Meeting ended at 7:15 pm