

## **Wakeman Town Farm**

April 18, 2018 Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Amy Ancel, Bill Constantino, Alice Ely, Lisa Finn, Eve Pensak, Terri Piekara, Tina Roche, Susan Schmidt, Judy Sloan, Cathy Talmadge

Others Present: Corey Thomas, Ellen Goldman

### **1. Animals**

A huge Thank You to the Westport Woman's Club for a recent grant to help with facilities to house our new flock of chickens.

Daisy and Hey'O our two current goats will be re-homed with Green Goats in Rhinebeck NY where they will contribute to controlling unwanted vegetation at various sites.

Beltane Farms in Lebanon CT will loans us two female baby goats to care for at the farm through our summer and fall programming.

Our sheep Cookies and Cream will remain at the farm until after Green Day at which point they will be brought to their new home at Radical Roots farm in Canterbury CT once the other animals are comfortable with the transitions. Corey to get agreement in writing from Radical Roots regarding the transfer.

Still researching locations to acquire baby sheep from.

### **2. Volunteers**

Our volunteer day open house was well attended and brought out individuals with a wide variety of interests and skills. In addition, summer interns from UConn will be available to help with the animals around the farm.

### **3. Vacation Week Camp**

Vacation week camp was a big hit. We were at capacity with several new families attending and we were excited to also welcome several scholarship families to enjoy the week with us as well. We received a lot of nice feedback about the program and Farmer Corey.

### **4. Outreach Events**

The farm is increasingly being asked to participate in outreach events and we need to prioritize our involvement. Some events include: Maker Faire, Dog Festival, Minute Man Race, Library Volunteer Expo, Great Duck Race, Blue Views & BBQ, Westport Farmer's Market and the Memorial Day Parade. Consider costs, available resources, value added as well as possibly designating a coordinator to liaise with other organizations.

### **5. Teen Council**

Several teens have been volunteering around the farm and at various events but the Council has not had any formal meetings lately.