

Wakeman Town Farm

July 18, 2018 Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Amy Ancel, Anne Burmeister, Alice Ely, Lisa Finn, Liz Milwe, Eve Pensak, Terri Piekara, Tina Roche, Susan Schmidt, Judy Sloan, Jaime Smith, Cathy Talmadge, Kathy Oberman Tracy

Others Present: Christy Colasurdo, Ellen Goldman, Corey Thomas

1. Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day was a big success for the farm. We welcomed some 550 guests both new and old to experience our special place in town. A huge thank you to Ellen Goldman and her team for coordinating an amazing event. Wakeman Town Farm would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our community partners for the day: Melissa and Doug, Robin Tauck, Saugatuck Sweets, School of Rock, and the Westport Astronomical Society.

2. Farm Report

The chicken coop and rabbit hutch have received needed repairs. Our irrigation system has been updated and automated. The gardens and farm-stand are in full swing. Spring workshops and summer camps are attracting large numbers of attendees and talented teachers. Corey is continuing to pursue synergistic opportunities in our community with organizations such as Savannah Bee Company, Staples High School and Westport Rotary.

3. Field Trips

Some 370 students visited the farm for spring field trips. Many organizations are interested in us hosting more students at one time than we are currently equipped to handle safely and effectively. Consider recruiting some per diem teachers to assist with field trip lessons.

4. Committee Structure and Protocols

Following discussion a motion was brought by Cathy Talmadge, seconded by Jaime Smith, and unanimously approved by the Farm Committee to adopt an outline of committee structures and protocols to guide our workings going forward. Sub committees will facilitate our activities and may include executive, animal care, education, finance, fundraising, gardens and landscapes, marketing and operations.

5. Harvest Fest – Saturday September 22nd

Wakeman Town Farm will host its major annual fundraiser, Harvest Fest, a festive evening of food, wine and fun on Saturday, September 22nd, 2017 at the farm.