

Wakeman Town Farm

April 3, 2019 Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Anne Burmeister, Alice Ely, Lisa Finn, Liz Milwe, Eve Pensak, Terri Piekara, Susan Schmidt, Judy Sloan, Jaime Smith

Others Present: Corey Thomas

### **1. Outreach and Field Trips**

Wakeman Town Farm is busy conducting numerous field trips for local students and other groups over the next few months. To expand our outreach we are also partnering with several schools in Bridgeport including Beardsley School and Achievement First to share our resources with surrounding communities. We are working with generous local sponsors to defray the costs associated with transporting these students to the farm. We are also exploring summer outreach opportunities with afternoon camp possibilities for students from the Horizons academic enrichment program.

### **2. Eggstravaganza – rain or shine Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 12 pm**

Wakeman Town Farm is excited to share our second annual EGGstravaganza with the community. In addition to age appropriate egg hunts, this fun family event will include egg dying, seed planting, story time in the children's garden as well as visits with the Farm's chicks and bunnies. Volunteers are especially needed early morning on the day of the event.

### **3. Sponsorships**

Wakeman Town Farm is moving ahead with an ambitious program targeting local businesses and individuals to become more involved with the farm. Support can come in the form of sponsorships, vendors, in-kind donations or monetary donations. All are available at various levels to attract a wide audience and meet the needs and goals of the sponsoring organization or individual. In addition to supporting a worthy town farm and educational center, sponsorship provides a terrific opportunity for businesses to be placed in front of the Westport community at events throughout the calendar year.

### **3. Birdhouses**

Wakeman Town Farm is delighted to welcome more birds on our property through gifts from the Connecticut Ornithological Association (COA). Nesting boxes for wrens, blue birds, screech owls and wood ducks have been generously gifted to the farm. Special thanks to COA member Tina Green for her expertise in placing the new boxes around the property.