

Wakeman Town Farm

February 7, 2022 Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present In Person: Anne Burmeister, Nicole Gerber, Liz Milwe, Danna Rogers, Susan Schmidt, Judy Sloan

Committee Members Present Electronically: Amy Ancel, Lisa Finn, Haley Schulman, Cathy Talmadge

Others Present In Person: Sharon Broza-Stone, Ryan Brunelle, John Montoni, Judy Panzer, Paul Rossi, Aly Sivinski

Others Present Electronically: Ellen Goldman

### **1. Education Update**

Aly, our educational coordinator briefed the group about upcoming youth and summer programs. Mommy & Me, Jr Farm Apprentice, Toddler Sprouts and Fantastic Farm Hands will all have a spring session starting in March and cover ages from birth through middle school. Camps will run for ages 4 - 13 all summer long. Our Monday evening educational series continues to allow the community to engage with a broad range of experts. Upcoming talks cover a variety of topics such as electric cars, haiku poetry, mixing spring cocktails, getting started in the garden, invasive worms, and conscious consumption fashion choices.

### **2. Goat Update**

Wakeman Town Farm will soon be welcoming new animals to our home. Pregnant Nigerian Dwarf goats will be arriving this month and are expected to birth babies at the Farm in March. The animals will be integrated into our spring curriculum for all ages and opportunities to educate the public about them are also under development. Possible extensions include soap making and cheese making classes as well.

### **3. Secondary Animal Barn and Garden Shed**

A small barn will be added to the Farm property, replacing the old duck house, this spring. The barn will have two sections. One will be used to house the new goats and the other will provide direct access to feed storage for our vendor from outside the animal enclosure. We would like to thank Earth Animal for sponsoring and covering all costs associated with the construction of the barn, and architect Paul Harris for donating his architectural services.

Paul Harris is also donating his services for the design of a new garden shed that will also be added to the Farm property. This shed will house small to midsize tools for maintaining the Farm's gardens. An anonymous donor has agreed to cover all costs associated with the construction of the shed.

### **4. Around the Farm**

Wakeman Town Farm will hold an open house on March 11<sup>th</sup> to introduce potential new volunteers to our organization and property. Seedling planting has started with onions and leeks going in first. Maple Syrup taps are expected to go in later this week. The committee is working to identify possible cloud-based platforms for integrating donor, customer, event and grant management at the Farm. And, plans are beginning to renovate our big barn into a year-round space that will be used for a variety of workshops, classes, a sprout house, a little store and community events.