

WTF Full Committee Meeting  
June 6, 2022

Committee Members Present: Alice Ely, Danna Rogers, Amy Ancel, Bill Constantino, Jamie Smith, Liz Milwe, Susan Schmidt, Lisa Finn, Haley Schulman, Anne Burmeister

Others Present: Sharon Stone, Ryan Brunelle, John Montoni, Ellen Goldman

### **New members**

Paul Rossi, volunteer of several years with extensive experience in gardening, was nominated to join the WTF Committee. Those present voted unanimously to approve Paul's nomination.

### **Farmers update**

Staples interns have been extraordinary with planting the summer crops as well as taking care of heavy lifting around the property including demo of an old fence, complete bed preparation of the new pollinator garden across Wakeman Drive and daily mulching and weeding.

- Tree fruits are coming in nicely following a much-needed pruning.
- Spring vegetables will be ready for the first Farmstand morning on June 11 including herbs, garlic scapes, peas and some early lettuces along with WTF logo wear, coffee, breakfast pastries and more.
- The farmstand will also feature Grow-A-Row, a crop sharing plan which gives home farmers a place to bring their own excess crops to be delivered to Food Rescue USA. The drop-off spot will be managed by a volunteer from Food Rescue.

### **Student Volunteers**

Two Staples HS students have approached WTF to establish a relationship between the school and the Farm. Ryan and Liz will be following up with the students in the next few days to discuss details.

### **Eco-Fest**

29 vendors have registered to attend the event on Saturday. The event is working diligently to be sustainable in its own right, and will coincide with "Nearby-Goat-Yoga" and the first WTF farmstand of the 2022 season. Lots of activities including face painters, hair stylists, children's crafts and animal encounters will be available.

### **Parking**

A suggestion was raised to extend the parking areas marked as reserved for WTF on Wakeman Drive to the end of the gated farm area. The Town is aware of the need for designated parking areas and a conversation is ongoing.

### **Emergency Plan for Wakeman Town Farm**

Westport Deputy Chief of Police Ryan Peterson toured the Farm this past week to identify areas for improvement in our existing emergency plan, including evacuations, medical emergencies, and lines of communication. Draft emergency plans are being written and updates will be communicated to the Committee.

### **Volunteers**

Amy Ancel is looking for additional volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast; if you are able to share your morning on June 18<sup>th</sup>, please contact her directly.

Also, Family Fun Day is coming up! July 9<sup>th</sup> (rain date July 10<sup>th</sup>). The event will be run primarily by the summer camp counselor staff. A few adult volunteers are needed to man ticket stations and welcome desks.

### **Sample of Upcoming Events**

Pollinator Pathway Walk	Saturday, June 25 10-3pm	(PollinatorPathway.org for details)
Eco Fest	Saturday, June 11, 11-3pm	(wakemantownfarm.org for details)
Farmstand	Saturday, June 11, 9-1pm	(wakemantownfarm.org for details)
Nearby Goat Yoga	Saturday June 11, 10-10:45	(SOLD OUT)
Pancake Breakfast	Saturday June 18, 9-12pm	(SOLD OUT)
Eco Dude Lecture	Monday June 13, 7-8pm	(Eventbrite.org for tickets)