

Wakeman Town Farm Full Committee Meeting  
Jan 09, 2023

**Committee Members Present:** Bill Constantino, Nicole Gerber, Amy Ancel, Danna Rogers, Paul Rossi, Anne Burmeister, Alice Ely, Susan Schmidt, Haley Schulman

**Others Present:** Ryan Brunelle, John Montoni, Sharon Broza-Stone, Noelle Slomich, Chryse Terrill, Judy Panzer, Ellen Goldman

**Secretary:** Nicole Gerber

### Events

- We are cultivating top notch chefs, such as Caroline Fey, to cook in Tim's Kitchen this season. With the addition of chef Robin Herman to the roster, we are now have the capability to host children's cooking birthday party events.
- An internal meeting will be set to identify chairs for each of the Signature Events. Danna Rogers to spearhead recruiting younger parent volunteers to help plan/run events.

### Proposed WTF Signature Events Dates

EGGstravaganza Sat 4/08  
Drinking w/Chickens Tue 5/23  
EcoFest Sun 6/4  
Pancake Breakfast Sun 6/18  
Family Fun Day Sat 7/08  
Annual Harvest Fest Fundraiser Sat 9/09  
Octoberfest Biergarten Sun 10/15  
Tree Lighting Ceremony Fri 12/08

### Education

- Two new programs are starting this week. Tiny Farmer Playdate (0-18 months) and Rugged Bear Wilderness Club (11-14 years old). Both classes are sold out. The schedules and programing for Spring 2023 are set with the MLK Day camp sold out. Planning for Summer 2023 is underway.
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- There will be a free, non-certification AED/CPR course for the WTF Committee and Staff on 1/18 at 6:30pm and 1/19 at 1:00pm in Tim's Kitchen.
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- Upcoming Adult Education lectures include Winter Sowing with Alice Ely and Microgreens 101. The Education department is in the process of planning a three part chicken keeping class beginning at the end of March.

### Sponsorships

We were notified at the end of December that we won a \$10,000 grant from Patagonia. These funds are earmarked for the Pond Project. Earth Animal has agreed to sponsor the 2023 Goat

Program, and both KMS Partners and Danna Rogers and Jen Kass Homes have committed to renewing their sponsorships. Additional sponsor renewal letters will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.

## **Pond Project**

Phase 1 funded with Patagonia grant. This phase will include invasive species removal and creation of a safe walking path. Carbon capturing and nitrogen reducing plants will also be planted.

## **Animals**

- Aggie, our sheep, was re-homed to a sheep farm in CT. She is settling in nicely and much happier in a flock. The goal is to bring in smaller, Southdown Babydoll sheep, to live with the goats. We have reached out to Aussakita Acres Farm in Manchester, CT, breeder of Southdown Babydoll Sheep, as a potential supplier in the future.
- Aussakita also has piglets, a cross between a Julianna and a Kunekune pig, which are small and friendly animals. We are considering adding two piglets this winter. Further research on waste management must be done before a decision is made.
- Judy Panzer, our Animal Care Coordinator, is working on harness training with the alpacas to make them more social.
- We are reprising the successful Goat Program. Does are expected to arrive in February with kidding in early to mid March. We will not be keeping any goats.
- **Cathy Talmadge Memorial Service**
- Fri 1/27 at Greenfield Hill Congregational church 1pm, reception w/food after

January 13, 2023

cc: Liz Milwe & Bill Constantino, co-chairs, Wakeman Town Farm Committee