

Wakeman Town Farm Full Committee Meeting  
May 01, 2023

**Committee Members Present:** Nicole Gerber, Paul Rossi, Anne Burmeister, Bill Constantino, Liz Milwe, Haley Schulman, Danna Rogers, Lisa Finn

**Others Present:** John Montoni, Sharon Broza-Stone, Ellen Goldman

**Secretary:** Nicole Gerber

### **Animals Update**

- Lamb socials fully sold out and raised \$17,000 for the Farm
- New Hang with the Gang animal programming to be scheduled beginning in early June
- Reprise of last year's successful Goat Husbandry program is scheduled to begin mid-June with the arrival of two pregnant does on loan from Millmont Farm in Roxbury, CT
- We are in the process of hatching ducks and chickens to add to the flock
- On Thursday May, 4th we celebrated AJ's 20th birthday

### **Barn Update**

- Two meetings have been held with some members of the Historical District Commission (HDC). A final meeting with remaining members will happen prior to May 8
- Official HDC pre-application meeting will be held May 9
- Michael Greenberg has provided the materials list
- The Farm will be sourcing reclaimed wood

### **Education Update**

- Education department is working with the elementary school science teachers to develop a field day curriculum for 1st graders
- June 8 will be the last day for high school inters
- June 23 is the day for 24 Horizons students to visit the Farm
- Summer camps are sold out except for the week of 7/31

### **Farm Report**

- The gardens are looking great and planting is underway
- We will be planting 50+ dahlia plants this spring
- Extra large pumpkins have been planted in the new gardens space across the street
- Ridgefield High School interns start the week of May 8
- Farm Stand starts June 10, once a month we will be offering "Farmstead with Friends" where we invite 3-4 outside vendors to join our farmers during Saturday farm stand hours

- Once or twice a month we will be selling tickets to Make Your Own Flower Bouquet classes to be held during Saturday farm stand hours
- Electric all-terrain wheel chair has arrived at the Farm

### **Pond Project Update**

- LandTech proposed a planting plan as well as a plan to eradicate invasive species around the pond
- Water testing to happen late spring with high school interns and LandTech
- A gate to access the pond from outside of the animal enclosure will be added to the fencing the week of May 8

### **Sponsorship Update**

- New sponsor alert! Westport Family Dental will be the Family Fun Day lead sponsor this year
- The Farm has been invited to sell flower bouquets twice a month on Fridays at the Earth Animal farm stand starting June 9 - October 27
- Westport Garden Club made a donation toward the purchase of a new all terrain wheelchair for the Farm.