

Wakeman Town Farm Full Committee Meeting
July 17, 2023

Committee Members Present: Nicole Gerber, Paul Rossi, Liz Milwe, Haley Schulman, Danna Rogers, Alice Ely, Amy Ancel, Bill Constantino, Susan Schmidt, Lisa Finn, Jamie Smith, Judy Stone

Others Present: John Montoni, Sharon Broza-Stone, Jennifer Whittle, Ellen Goldman, Travis Rew-Porter, Christy Colusardo, Noelle Slomich

Secretary: Nicole Gerber

Events Update

- Every event this season has sold out and been very successful
- The last Summer Wine Dinner with Allison Milwe Grace is scheduled for August 9th. There are currently five tickets left.
- September 9th Harvest Fest Gala planning is underway

Community Gardens Discussion

- Members of the Westport Community Gardens have reached out to the WTF Committee asking for our support with their campaign to preserve the gardens in light of the current LLS Building Committee consideration to take over the land for a new LLS elementary school.
- All Committee members present reviewed a statement of support written by the head of the Westport Community Gardens and unanimously agreed to virtually sign the statement from the WTF Committee.

Farm Report

- The four baby goats will be staying on at the farm through the third week in August
- Gardens are a little slow this year due to the cold snap in June
- The new garden across the street has been planted. We are working towards amending the soil.
- The farm stand is going well

Education Update

- Family Fun Day was a huge success. Thank you to Westport Family Dental for sponsoring this year's event
- Summer camp is officially half way through and a huge success. There are still a few spots left for Junior Farmers camp later in August
- Green Teens camp started the week of July 10th. They cooked a dinner for twenty-five people at the Gillespie Center and held a farm stand on Friday, July 14th
- Adult Vinyasa yoga classes are back and will be held at the farm over the next three Monday evenings

- Planning for Fall programming is underway. Fall youth programming will begin the week of Sept. 12th

Sponsorship + Public Relations Update

- Press release announcing Earth Animal as this year's Goat Program sponsor scheduled to go out this week
- The Porch and WTF food collaboration, the "WTF G.O.A.T." (Wakeman Town Farm Creates of All Time), has launched at The Porch. It is a cold breakfast bowl using WTF honey as an ingredient. The breakfast bowl will be switched to a hot bowl in the fall.
- The Porch is also selling farm animal shaped butter cookies with proceeds benefitting WTF