

Wakeman Town Farm

February 10, 2016 Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Carrie Aitkenhead, Mike Aitkenhead, Amy Ancel, Jane Chapman, Christy Colasurdo, Oliver Gaffney, Liz Milwe, Judy Sloan

Others Present: Melissa Ellis, Kathy Oberman, Eve Pensak

### **1. Summer Camp**

This year's summer schedule will include 7 weeks of camp. The first and last weeks will be 3-days for Pre-K campers only and the other weeks will have opportunities for mixed ages from K-5. Middle School Apprentice and Environmental Boot Camp summer programs will also be available. Registration via Parks and Rec starts March 14<sup>th</sup>. Publicity will include the Parks and Rec website, an ad in the Westport Minuteman, printed brochure placement around town, outreach to local nursery schools, e-blasts to our mailing list, notices in local papers and detailed information on our website.

### **2. Volunteer Meeting**

Held a meet and greet for interested volunteers at Terrain on February 2<sup>nd</sup> with a successful turnout. Christy and Carrie introduced the farm and its opportunities and invited all to attend committee meetings with two new individuals joining us tonight. We will work to integrate new volunteers into the team, encourage them to help plan upcoming events, and share their backgrounds and interests to see where they might contribute best.

### **3. Building Update**

Christy, Cathy and Liz M continue to meet with town officials to push our project forward and get letters out to three bidders for the construction.

### **4. Spring Fundraising Lunch / May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

Hosting a luncheon on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at Artisan Restaurant in Southport featuring New York Times bestselling author Jane Green. Working on a committee to spearhead the fundraising aspect of the event - seeking three or four large items to sell raffle tickets for.

### **5. GreenDay / May 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 / 1-4 pm**

GreenDay at WTF is on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 1- 4 pm. Format will be education based and will showcase a variety of mini lessons such as: sheep sheering, bee keeping, planting the garden, wool spinning, chicken keeping, etc. Possible addition of (tiny) pony rides from farmer Carol Lake. Discussions underway with Whole Foods about sponsoring or donating a portion of the event's food. Consider music from the School of Rock and a Maypole Dance with Bill Fischer.

### **6. Other**

Invite Westport Community Garden volunteers to an upcoming WTF meeting to discuss synergies. Continue to host a few programs around the construction schedule such as Planting 101 to keep the farm in people's minds.