

Wakeman Town Farm Full Committee Meeting  
Aug 05, 2024

**Committee Members Present:** Liz Milwe, Bill Constantino, Nicole Gerber, Danna Rogers, Lisa Finn, Amy Ancel, Jaime Smith, Judy Sloan, Anne Burmeister, Paul Rossi

**Others Present:** Noelle Slomich, Jennifer Whittle, Nancy Plotkin, Judy Panzer, Julie Cook, Christy Colusardo

**Secretary:** Nicole Gerber

### **Events & Camps**

- Last Monthly Pizza Night is happening in August and it is oversold
- We have a full slate of rentals heading into the fall
- This year's kids cooking camps were so successful that we're adding a second round of classes for the end of the summer
- A summer of sold out summer camps ends after the second week in August culminating in a Camper Ice Cream Celebration open to all 2024 summer campers
- Harvest Fest planning is well underway with ticket sales opening to the public on Aug 10th

### **Farmer's Update**

- 2024 Farm stand, sponsored by BMW of Darien, has been busy all summer
- The Farmers are looking for volunteers to help make bouquets for the farm stand on Friday and Saturday mornings
- The Farmers are inviting businesses and individuals to host secondary events at the Farm on Saturdays during the Farm Stand hours
- The Cathy Talmadge honorary pavilion has been completed and now stands in the news gardens across the street from the main entrance to the Farm. An official dedication has yet to be scheduled

### **Wakeman Barn Renovation Update**

- The Barn Renovation Committee received positive feedback and an initial round of approvals from Planning & Zoning, however the most recent plans need to be signed off by other agencies before receiving final approvals
- The Barn Renovation will be the main fundraising focus at this year's Harvest Fest Gala

### **Other Updates**

- The Committee discussed a proposal to consolidate the Farm's various backend systems into the Boomerang Qgiv system which is part of the Boomerang CRM database which was implemented by the Committee in 2023.
- It was agreed that bringing program and class promotion and registration in-house, and away from ActiveNet, makes sense starting with Fall 2024 class registration

August 12, 2024

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