

Wakeman Town Farm Full Committee Meeting
October 05, 2024

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

Others Present: Nancy Plotkin, Judy Panzer, Julie Cook, Ellen Goldman

Secretary: Nicole Gerber

Events Update

- Harvest Fest was very successful
- 60+ volunteers helped to set up and work the event
- Additions to this year's event, food vendor map, introductory video and pre-event pop-up email auctions, were all very successful and will be repeated in the future
- Thank You gifts/bouquets were hand delivered to event sponsors,
- Octoberfest is set for Sunday, October 13th from 12:00-4:00pm. The event is sold out at over 400 tickets already purchased.

Farmer's Update

- Welcome Nick Yost! Our newest Assistant Farmer
- The Goat Program has come to a successful end of the year

Wakeman Barn Renovation Update

- We have received approvals on the final plans from the Health Department
- Next up is the ZBA review for a requested variance to expand the width of the barn by a few feet
- Final approvals by P&Z and the Building Board are still pending

Education Updates

- Committee member Paul Rossi will be holding a Dahlia: Digging, Dividing, Storing for the Winter class on Nov, 9th
- New special education classes for Neurodivergent Children, lead by Paraprofessional LeAnn Duggan and an assistant, began on Saturday Oct 5th. There are two sessions (ages 3-11 and 11+) available that can accommodate 8 children, and their caregivers, per session. Some spots are still available and will be prorated for the remaining three weeks.
- A second 4-week session of the special education class is planned for early December
- The Farm has held no cost programming for several local organizations including Help 4 Kids, ABC House, and Homes with Hope, as part of a new Community Outreach program.

October 11, 2024

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