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To the Planning and Zoning Commission,

My name is Danna Rogers, I am writing in support of the 134 Cross Highway: Appl. #PZ-24-00356, to add to and renovate the barn at Wakeman Town Farm, owned by the Town of Westport.

Wakeman Town Farm is such a unique, beautiful and engaging place that welcomes 1000's of Westporters every year. As a member of the Wakeman Town Farm Committee, I have managed events at the farm for many years, including co-chairing two of the larger events, Harvest Fest and EggStravaganza (Egg Hunt). With these events as well as smaller events, school trips and camps, the farm is very limited in terms of indoor space appropriate for visitors. The addition of an expanded barn with a new bathroom will be VERY helpful! Tim's kitchen has 2 bathrooms, but imagine 300+ kids and parents at an Egg Hunt or OktoberFest, it's not ideal. Additionally, the farm has an amazing educational staff and wonderful programming, but we often have to cancel programming due to inclement weather, and high and low temperatures. With the renovation of the barn, the farm will have more indoor classroom/flex space, and be able to offer more programming indoors, and extend programming throughout the winter months.

In addition to the extra space for visitors, the renovation will help the farmers prepare for spring planting with an adequate "sprout house" for our seedlings and a pantry to store our harvests of honey, maple syrup and produce from the farm.

The beautiful redesign of the Red Barn maintains the farm's authenticity and charm, and will continue to be a wonderful landmark in town. Wakeman Town Farm is a true town treasure, reaching Westporters of all ages, interests and abilities, and this renovation will make it even better!

I hope you will all support 134 Cross Highway: Appl. #PZ-24-00356!

Sincerely,
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