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Dear Westport CT Planning and Zoning Commission Members:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the application to renovate the barn at Wakeman Town Farm, 134 Cross Highway.

The newly refurbished barn will be a multipurpose space that will be used for horticulture workshops, barn suppers, and performances among other activities. The space will also provide much needed shade for campers during hot summer days - as well as shelter during inclement weather - and allow us to continue traditions like supporting Westport Public School musicians who delight the community during our annual tree lighting - some of them playing in their first ever concert for an audience. It will also include utilitarian activities such as an inclusive bathroom for visitors, volunteers, campers and program participants during activities.

The Wakeman Town Farm Barn renovation directly aligns with two of your planning and zoning missions: to enhance the orderly development of the town and to encourage efficient and sustainable patterns of development, land use and mobility. The barn development follows an established pattern of success and commitment by the Wakeman Town Farm Committee of smartly building out the property to enhance its capacity and usefulness.

I hope this valuable resource is given the priority and go ahead it deserves so Wakeman Town Farm can increase their outreach and service to our community long into the future.

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