

Wakeman Town Farm

November 11, 2019 Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Amy Ancel, Anne Burmeister, Alice Ely, Lisa Finn, Liz Milwe, Tina Roche, Susan Schmidt, Jaime Smith, Cathy Talmadge,

Others Present: Tina Green, John Montoni

1. Birdhouse Update

Tina Green from the Connecticut Ornithological Society attended our meeting. We thanked Tina for the variety of bird shelters, including a Wood Duck box, a Wren house, and a few Eastern Bluebird houses that she installed throughout the Farm. This has been a very exciting time for nature lovers at the Farm, as we installed the birdhouses and kicked off a campaign to bring more pollinators to the property and our gardens. We have noted a big uptick in the number of birds, bees and butterflies on the Farm, and we know it is a direct result of these new initiatives. We also discussed renovating our centerpiece garden with new raised beds and fencing.

2. Winter Monday Lectures

The Committee noted the great attendance at the Winter Monday lecture series, started in October, and invited Committee members to attend on behalf of the Farm to present the featured speakers and preview upcoming programming. A schedule will be distributed to the Committee.

3. Sound System Update

The Farm will be working with Advanced Home Audio to equip and install the planned upgrade to audio, video and Wi-Fi throughout the Farm.

4. Holiday Lighting Event – Friday December 6th at 4:30 pm

It's a festive, fun and free event for the whole family. In addition to the bonfire, roasting marshmallows and serving up hot cocoa and cookies, we're featuring a variety of local school musicians playing some holiday favorites. We'll light up the Wakeman Tree with fellow Westporters to kick off the season. The Farm is also supporting Al's Angels and all are invited bring an unwrapped gift for the Farm's Al's Angels Holiday Toy Collection Box.

5. Committee Roles

The WTF committee discussed and approved a slate of officers to propose to the Town of Westport for their review.