

## **Wakeman Town Farm Full Committee Meeting Minutes**

June 2, 2025

**Committee Members Present:** Anne Burmeister, Christy Colasurdo, Bill Costantino, Danna Rogers, Paul Rossi, Judy Sloan, Jaime Smith

**Others Present:** Dasha Horton, Judy Panzer, Nancy Plotkin, Dana Rutson Robinson, Doug Robinson, Noelle Slomich, Chryse Terrill, Jennifer Whittle

### **Education/Camp Update**

- Spring classes wrap up 6/13
- Drop-in Parent and Me classes will be offered 6/16-6/20
- Camp start date: 6/23
  - There are a few spots still available in Little Farmers, Junior Farmers and Green Team. There has been an increase in applications over the past few weeks for all age groups
- Outreach visits:
  - Caroline House and Malta House will both be offered parent/child classes
  - Homes With Hope will have an educational program offered in the evening

### **Tim's Kitchen/Culinary Update**

- Rentals
  - Recent rentals of Tim's Kitchen have been for a variety of events ranging from fundraisers to birthday parties and bridal showers
- Culinary Camp: Sold out. Due to its popularity a third session has been added
- Upcoming Events:
  - Tomato based dinner (7/31)
  - Oyster shucking
  - Pizza at the farm: 2 out of 3 pizza nights sold out. August pizza night will be on sale next week
  - Alice Milwe Grace Dinner (8/28)
  - Celebratory event for Brian Lewis (James Beard award nominee)
- Looking at potential partnership with Hall House Community Center in Bridgeport. We will offer visits at WTF and off-site visits at their location

## **Farmer's Report**

- Farm stand will open on Saturday, 6/14
- Most plantings are now in the ground including tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and pumpkins
- We have expanded our Dahlia growing and plan to offer an abundance of cut flowers to sell at our farm stand
- Two new cherry trees were recently added to the property
- Berries and fruit trees are doing well

## **Baby Goats**

- The Baby Goat programming has ended for this year. It was very successful in bringing families to the farm to visit and feed the baby goats
- The goats will be donated to a goat sanctuary for people with disabilities

## **Re-cap of Brainstorming Ideas for Winter Programming**

- A re-cap of brainstorming ideas for winter programming was discussed. Next steps: Decide upon which ideas to move forward with to increase our winter programming next year

## **Barn Report**

- Presentation to the ZBA for the new barn is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>
- A link to the zoning meeting will be sent out once it becomes available

## **Garden Celebration to Honor Cathy Talmadge**

- A flower garden at Wakeman Town Farm will be dedicated in memory of founder and friend Cathy Talmadge on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm
- RSVPs to attend the event should be sent to: [nancyp311@gmail.com](mailto:nancyp311@gmail.com)

June 6, 2025

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