Wakeman Town Farm Full Committee Meeting (revised)

August 3, 2026

Meeting Convened: 6:15 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 pm

Committee Members Present: Nancy Plotkin, Doug Robinson, Danna Rogers, Paul Rossi, Judy Sloan, Jaime Smith

Others Present: Christy Colasurdo, Alice Ely, Lisa Finn, Nicole Gerber, Ellen Goldman, John Montoni, Dana Rutson Robinson, Noelle Slomich, Chryse Terrill

Harvest Fest Update

- Harvest Fest will be on Saturday, September 26th from 6:00-9:30
- Pre-Planning is on track for securing rentals, permits, sponsorships and volunteers
- Greens Farms Spirit Shop will donate alcohol for the event
- House of Cocktails will be new vendor providing mixed drinks and a signature cocktail
- There will not be a silent auction at Harvest Fest this year
- A raffle for a wine wall and a cocktail bar wall will be offered at the event
- Brick Pavers will be available to purchase. Purchased pavers can be personalized and will be placed on a new walkway from the road to the exterior gate
- Several items for the live auction have already been secured. Still working on acquiring additional items for the auction

Summer Culinary/Cooking Classes

- Successful summer season in terms of rentals and culinary classes

Summer Camp

- Despite a rainy summer, camp has been a big success
- All future weeks of camp have been filled
- Green Teen Camp will have their farm stand at WTF this Thursday

WTF Farm Stand

- The farm stand is doing well, but has been hampered somewhat by the Cross Highway construction
- The Saturday morning programming which was added this summer has been helping draw additional customers to the farm stand

Barn Update

- RFP being worked on and will be presented within the next few weeks

Honey

- 350 pounds of honey was harvested
- Thank you to Jaime Smith for all his help

Sponsorships

- WTF recently received two significant donations for the barn rebuild
- We have secured advertising space at Westport Train Station which will change quarterly
- Working on getting additional sponsors for Harvest Fest and other sponsorship opportunities throughout WTF

Annual Report

- Will be sent out to donors shortly
- An online version of the annual report will also be put onto the website

cc: Liz Milwe and Bill Constantino, Co-Chairs Wakeman Town Farm Committee