

Wasley Property Committee Special Meeting Agenda for August 20, 2020 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM

- 1) Approval of June 11, 2020 minutes
- 2) Discuss interior work being performed on house
- 3) Develop the committee's mission statement
- 4) Refine options for property and house use
 - a) History, process, and purpose of community gardens
 - b) History, process, and purpose of community farm and education centers
 - i) Relevant links include:
 - (1) Sullivan Farm in New Milford, CT, Owned by town, leased to manager/operator, lots of educational programming
<https://sullivanfarmnm.org>
 - (2) Happy Acres Farm in Sherman, CT, Owned and managed by the town, very recent so might be interesting to talk to committee about their process <https://friendsofhappyacres.com/about-us/>
 - (3) Kolp Community Garden Plot Program in Farmington, CT, Owned by town, divided into garden plots, people apply to get a plot
<https://www.farmington-ct.org/community/kolp-community-garden-plots>
 - (4) Strong Family Farm in Vernon, CT, Owned and run by a non-profit - active farm, a lot of programming
<http://www.strongfamilyfarm.org/community/>
 - (5) Lachat Farm in Weston, CT, Owned by Town and managed by Nature Conservancy and Town - has community garden plots
<https://www.lachattownfarm.org/feature-gardens.php>
 - (6) Auerfarm in Bloomfield, CT, Privately owned, nonprofit 501(c)3 funded, 4H education center <https://auerfarm.org/>
 - (7) Also here is a helpful publication from American Farmland Trust: Farmland ConneCTions: A Guide for Connecticut Towns, Institutions and Land Trusts Using or Leasing Farmland
https://s30428.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/09/FINAL_AFT_Farmland_ConneCTions_lo_1.pdf
- c) History of housing rental through nearby town governments
 - i) Resident, Greg Lethbridge would like to address committee regarding his interest in renting the property.
- 5) Refine survey for distribution to town
- 6) Discuss frequency of meetings, i.e. possibility of every other month vs. monthly
- 7) Discuss agenda for next meeting

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