

**Fairgate Farm, Inc.**  
**40 Clinton Avenue, Suite 101**  
**Stamford, Connecticut 06901**

**Board Meeting**

**April 24, 2024**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

TO: Richard Ostuw  
John Coff  
Sheila Williams-Brown

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- a. Call to Order
- b. Approve Minutes of April 24, 2024
- c. Farm Update
- d. June 6<sup>th</sup> – Networking Fundraising Event
- e. Adjourn

# Fairgate Farm

## Fairgate Farm, Inc. Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors February 28, 2024

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of Fairgate Farm, Inc. was hereby held at 40 Clinton Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut on February 28, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

### Attendees

Present: Rich Ostuw  
John Coff  
Sheila Williams-Brown

Absent: None

Also Present: Vin Tufo  
Pete Novajosky  
Divya Malhotra  
Liz Wimpfheimer  
Christine Young

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Director Ostuw motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors for May 25, 2022, seconded by Director Williams-Brown and approved unanimously.
2. **Appointment of Directors** –
  - Director Ostuw nominated Director Coff to a full term on the Board of Directors; the motion was approved unanimously.
  - Director Coff nominated Director Williams-Brown to a full term on the Board of Directors as the Community Director; the motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Introduction of Community Members** – Mr. Novajosky introduced the Community Members, which includes Zach Lyons and Robert Vendig, who will assist on the Sustainability Committee.
4. **Election of Officers** –
  - Director Coff nominated Director Ostuw as Chairman; the motion was approved unanimously.
  - Director Ostuw nominated Community Director Williams-Brown as Vice Chairwoman; the motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Fairgate Farm Updates** –

Mr. Novajosky reported on current activity and 2023 Accomplishments at Fairgate Farm (Farm). The Farm harvested over 6,300 pounds of produce, much of which was donated to hunger relief organizations and volunteers, with a sizeable amount sold at the Fairgate Farm Market. Mr. Novajosky stated that the Farm provided free supplemental food staples to 50 families in collaboration with Food Rescue and hosted nine community classes and dinners in efforts to build community cohesion and connect visitors to the Farm's natural environment. The Compost Drop-Off area collected over 10 tons of food waste, with increased capacity resulting from the City

of Stamford's in-vessel composter. Ms. Young discussed the USDA Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production grant, for which the Farm was awarded \$283,000 over a three-year period. Projects include a third greenhouse, delivery van that will support pop-up mobile farm markets throughout Stamford and a hydroponic farm in the interior Annex that will feature educational outreach and workshops, farm tours and visits. Ms. Wimpfheimer reported on the AARP Living Communities Grant that will increase healthy food access, improve mental and cognitive health, and support community cohesion. The award includes a 24/7 food pantry, supplied by surplus produce from the Market, and a library stocked by Books4Everyone.

6. **Sustainability Plan / Fundraising**

Mr. Tufo discussed plans to develop the Sustainability Committee that will focus on fund raising, capacity building and financial sustainability for Fairgate Farm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 5:44 p.m., upon motion duly made by Director Ostuw, seconded by Director Williams-Brown, the Board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vincent Tufo, Executive Director