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

Board Meeting

September 25, 2024 5:00 p.m. Agenda

TO: Richard Ostuw John Coff Sheila Williams-Brown

- a. Call to Order
- b. Approve Minutes of April 24, 2024
- c. Farm Update Grants, reflection on the year, holidays
- d. October 5th Harvest Festival Appeal
- e. Adjourn



Fairgate Farm, Inc. Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors April 24, 2024

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of Fairgate Farm, Inc. was hereby held at 40 Clinton Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut on April 24, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

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Present:

Rich Ostuw

Absent: None

John Coff

Sheila Williams-Brown

Also Present:

Vin Tufo

Pete Novajosky Liz Wimpfheimer Christine Young

- 1. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> Director Ostuw motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors for February 28, 2024, seconded by Director Williams-Brown and approved unanimously.
- 2. Fairgate Farm Update Mr. Novajosky reported on current activity at Fairgate Farm (Farm). Corporate groups and volunteers have been productive at the farm preparing the ground soil for planting. Seedlings in the greenhouse will need an additional week for the Farm May plant sale, which will be scheduled for mid-May. Mr. Novajosky stated that the free supplemental food staples for a second season in collaboration with Food Rescue will begin 5/1/2024 for community members. Mr. Novajosky highlighted recent Farm activities to include Farm Yoga, Earth Day Celebration, volunteer opportunities and a gardening class. The Compost Drop-Off area is available to the community 24/7, but with the City of Stamford's in-vessel composter, additional amounts of compost can be collected. Mr. Novajosky and Ms. Wimpfheimer will develop a marketing plan to collect additional compost.
- 3. June 6th Networking Fundraising Event Mr. Novajosky discussed plans underway to develop and promote the Fairgate Farm celebration, 6/6/2024. The evening will commemorate the Farm's 15th season and provide an opportunity to learn of its vital importance and impact to the community. This is an opportunity to attract awareness of the Farm and potential donors / sponsors.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 5:38 p.m., upon motion duly made by Director Ostuw, seconded by Director Coff, the Board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vincent Tufo, Executive Director

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