



LAND'S SAKE

WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Sheep in a suburban town

Today at Land's Sake we are gracious and thankful of our working relationship with our neighbors, Nina Danforth, Henry Stone & their fleecy friends. During the farm season, children in the education department programs get to visit, learn about and help care for these lovable animals. The sheep, and goats in the summer who are borrowed from other farms and animal lovers including the Anza Farm,, are rewarded with the delicious green grasses grown at Land's Sake. We thank you for this endless well of education and opportunity, which led to the magical birth of a baby goat last season!

Previously, (1984-1993) Sheep were kept at a number of Weston residences with the guidance of the Donahues and Land's Sake. Faith was initially interested in incorporating sheep to Land's Sake so they could utilize the wool for spinning, knitting & education. Faith, currently a teacher here in town and local legend, still helps Land's Sake with these wool demonstrations at a number of our community gatherings. It is always so fun to see Nina's flock of sheep grazing, while visitors are milling about, and Faith is spinning wool right next to them. Kids always like this demo, it combines these fuzzy animals to a hands on activity with a resulting "super cool" project. Taking care of these BIG four legged friends in a suburb of Boston, is another story.

As Faith and Brian had to move the sheep from pasture to pasture utilizing agreed upon land, some unusual scenes came about. The temporary fencing used to contain these animals, is not always reliable, and therefore, a phone call. As these sheep wandered around town in search of new grazing opportunities, most neighbors were amused by these quaint trespassers on their property. Tip of the day: "If you ever lose your flock in the suburbs, chase them into a tennis court-they make very handy corrals." -BD They would have to warn the police beforehand that they intended to stop traffic with a flock of sheep, officers found it so amusing they would dispatch a squad car or

two to lend a hand. They once accidentally held up a funeral procession with the flock blocking the road! A scene more reminiscent of Galway than Weston. One thing that helps run a community farm is a police department with a sense of humor: Over the years Weston's police have been uncommonly tolerant and helpful through the many escapades of Green Power and Land's Sake.