

**Lemon Fair Insect Control District
Cornwall, VT
August 5, 2014**

Minutes:

1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05.

Present: David Dodge, Chris Chapline, Dinah Bain, Chuck Burkins, Lew Castle, Craig Zondag

Additions to the agenda: Discuss changes in the Enhanced Open Meeting law with Sue Johnson; decide what to do with old, outdated LFICD computers.

2. Approve July minutes:

The July minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$22,466.96

Cash received: \$0.43

Total cash for month: \$22,467.39

Disbursements: \$5,968.35

Cash on hand: \$16,499.04

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$3816.08

Net current assets: \$20,315.12

Cash flow forecast:

Estimated expenses for remainder of the season: \$9,400

Estimated income: \$9,012.50, which includes \$1700 from the State for larval surveying (may be high, based on surveying expenses thus far) and assumes the State will contribute 75% of the trailer expenses (\$7,312.50), which the State has not committed to. Dinah B. will send an invoice to the VAA for the trailer expenses.

Estimated carryover into 2015: \$19,927.62

4. Update on plane sale:

At the July meeting of the LFICD, the Board voted to attempt to sell our aircraft.

Update: Dave Whitcomb (pilot) is no longer working at the Stowe airport, which is under new management. Dave W. is now working a full time job, so he is not available to pilot except on evenings and weekends. Lew C. has asked Dave to research (via internet) the value of our plane. Also, with Dave no longer at the airport, we need to look for winter storage in the event we don't sell the plane this fall.

There may already be some interest in the plane: A pilot in Stowe with a glider service might be interested; also, Chuck Webber (Rebecca Air) might be interested in purchasing the plane. Chuck Webber thought (without seeing the plane) that the plane was potentially worth \$65,000-\$100,000. LFICD paid \$36,000 to buy the plane and put in \$40,000 for the engine overhaul 4 years ago.

The plane has not been flown since June 7.

5. Grant extension and renewal.

We do not yet have a grant agreement document with VAA for the 2015 season.

David Dodge had a phone conversation with Tim Schmalz (VAA). Tim was content to continue to use the old grant agreement extended into next year, but David D. and the rest of the LFICD board feel that there are modifications that need to be made to the agreement.

We would like to draft a new agreement from the old agreement format.

Issues to be addressed in the new agreement include:

We will be using a 3rd party contractor for any necessary aerial treatments next year. If we use a 3rd party contractor, the contract is with LFICD, not the State. So, if the State decides to not pay us because they disagree with the treatment, LFICD will have to pay the contractor and we would be out the cost of treatment. We need the agreement to be clear what the State will do about the contractor minimums (1000 acres/day @ \$10.50/acre for JBI, or \$9,950 minimum retainer and a \$5,875/trip minimum for Rebecca Air). Under what circumstances would the State pay or not pay minimums? Tim S. has stated that the State will not pay the upfront retainer for Rebecca Air. However, Tim indicated that they would pay the per treatment minimums for both Rebecca and JBI as long as the actual per treatment usage was “reasonably” close to the minimums, We will define “reasonably” once we have the updated treatment maps (see # 8 below) and during the course of the new Grant Agreement negotiations. Accordingly, we need an understanding with the State that surveys in certain designated areas are representative of the whole valley and when those areas meet the larval threshold, we would treat the whole valley aurally.

When to use hand treatment vs. air treatment protocols needs to be addressed in the new agreement. We don't want to get into the situation of needing to treat an area that is too extensive to treat by hand, but not enough area to meet minimum acreage to treat by air. Our criteria and the State's criteria of when to treat aurally need to be the same so we don't get stuck with a treatment bill the State won't reimburse us for.

Should we specify the date that the season extends through? The State has historically cut us off after August, even after Hurricane Irene, when the mosquito hatch was large. Craig suggests that the agreement specifies that the mosquito season extend at least through September.

David D. will work on changes to the Grant Agreement; maps of treatment areas from Craig Z. are essential for this discussion with the State.

6. Dipping and treatment update and outlook:

The last larval survey was done on July 29. The valley was dry, despite recent rain. Craig Z. thinks it will take a 4-6" rain event before we will see flooding, but surveying continues.

Craig will be away at the end of August. Craig will check to see if Sandy C. can substitute as Field Coordinator.

7. Adult trapping plan:

Alan Graham has suggested that it would be a good idea to set mosquito traps for adults and learn to ID the species found in the valley. Tom Vanacore had expressed interest in helping with this. However, we have not heard from Tom V. and we are not able to do take on adult trapping at this point. The idea was tabled.

8. Waypoint/polygon mapping update (LFICD and BLSG maximum and minimum treatment acreages):

Total acreage mapping of treatable areas in the LFICD is not yet finished, but having the potential treatment areas mapped and their acreage determined is critical to planning aerial vs. hand treatment strategies. Craig Z. and Sandy Chicoine are working on the maps. Craig is setting up map boundaries for high flood (maximum acreage) maps for potential aerial treatments. He is also creating maps of intermediate/low flood areas to strategize hand/backpack sprayer treatments of hot spots and creating treatment area polygons in 200-acre segments (each survey location is to represent a 200-acre treatment area).

9. Suggestions for new Bridport member to replace Rusty Sherman:

Nothing has been accomplished thus far.

Chuck will ask the new owner of Fairy Tale Farm (Allisa Shethar) if she would be interested since she lives very close to the Lemon Fair.

Otherwise, we can ask for suggestions from the Bridport Select Board and advertise on the Bridport/Whiting/Shoreham Front Porch Forum.

10. HVAC installation:

Ellerin is set to install the power and HVAC tomorrow (August 6, 2014).

Craig Z. will finish the installation on the inside of the trailer.

11. Enhanced amended open meeting law.

Sue Johnson (Cornwall Town Clerk) was asked to give us an overview on the Enhanced Open Meeting Law that went into effect July 1.

Agendas of all organizations doing town business are to be posted 5 days in advance of meetings; draft minutes are to be posted within 5 days after the meeting. Cornwall has a website, so Sue will have to post the agendas and minutes to the website within the timeframes, as well as post paper copies to 3 bulletin boards around town. Bridport does not have a website, but paper copies will also have to be posted.

To comply with posting of agendas of business that is carried out by email between scheduled Board meetings, David will post a general-purpose agenda to inform the public about any particular on-going issues, such as the grant agreement.

12. Old computers:

Dinah motioned that we recycle our old LFICD computers. The motion passed unanimously by the board members that were present.

Actions:

David will set up a fairly broad agenda item to cover on-going issues that may be discussed by email.

Craig will finish the treatment area maps.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32. The next meeting is 5:00 Sept. 2, 2014 at Bridport Town Offices.