

**Lemon Fair Insect Control District  
Cornwall, VT  
February 3, 2015**

**Draft Minutes**

**1. Call to order: 5:10**

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

**2. Approve January minutes:**

The January minutes are approved.

**3. Treasurer's report:**

The Treasurer, Dinah Bain, is away. The treasurer's report is unchanged from the January report.

**4. Update on plane sale and storage.**

Lou Castle has a call in to Danny Helms of MidContinent Aircraft to discuss the sale of the plane (N5647G); Danny Helms is away, but should return Lew's call this week. The new Middlebury Airport hangar is still not ready and plane is still sitting outside. Our FAA registration form (from December 2014) for the plane was returned to Lou for corrections, which he has completed and sent back.

Also, Dominique Golliot (VAA), checked the larvicide storage trailer last week for temperature compliance with the larvicide label and, with the exception of an open corner of the rear door, all was fine. Craig Z. has been monitoring the temperature in the trailer; the heat pump is working well.

**5. Map acreage update**

Chuck Burkins and Craig Z. have created .kmz map files of the high flood areas in Cornwall, Bridport and Weybridge; high flood total acreage is 1990 acres, but that number includes areas that we have never treated. The maps will be an on-going project; Chuck B. will also try to add the Town lines onto the maps.

David will send the link to the US Fish and Wildlife Wetlands Inventory maps to Chuck to compare and add as a layer if possible.

**6. VAA Grant Agreement:**

David spoke with Tim Schmalz at the VAA today.

Tim S. informed David of changes in the BLSG mosquito district:

Ben Lawton is now the BLSG chair (replacing Gary Gibb). Will Mathis is now BLSG larvicide coordinator; Mort Pierpont is the adulticiding coordinator.

David called Tim S. for an update about the VAA mosquito budget; Tim said that as far as he knows, the LFICD annual allocation of \$70,000 for 2015-2016 has not changed.

David and Tim discussed the willingness of the State to help pay for unused minimum acres if needed and Tim indicated that the State would be flexible. In all likelihood, the LFICD, BLSG and, potentially, Pittsford, will all have to operate under the same protocols. The State would like to base treatment protocols on Integrated

Pest Management ("IPM") practices such as collected data from river gauges and adult trapping, which we may be required to collect.

The State would like the mosquito districts to come up with a proposal on how we would like to deal with IPM and how we should split the cost of treating when we don't reach minimum acreage. The proposal will likely be joint with the BLSG and possibly Pittsford. David will call Ben Lawton and invite him to our next meeting to discuss details for a joint proposal for reimbursement for 3<sup>rd</sup> party aerial larviciding. David will also add to the Grant Agreement draft that the LFICD would like the VAA to appoint a coordinator (at the VAA) for organizing the aerial applicator service since there are 2 districts that must operate jointly when aerial treatment is called for.

Tim also said that the VAA is amenable to using Natular in appropriate areas.

#### **7. To do:**

Schedule a meeting with the VAA.

Research IPM protocols.

Decide on a scheme for payment split the VAA for larviciding when <1000 acres.

David will call Ben Lawton (BLSG) and invite him to our next meeting to discuss a reimbursement protocol.

Field coordinator and assistant field coordinator contracts (is Judd Markowski interested in assisting this year, is he willing to get his license?).

Weybridge contract

2015 license renewals

Do we have to do anything for the NPDES permit? Craig will call Dominique G.

#### **8. Adjourn:** 6:45

Next meeting: March 3, 2015, 5:00

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