

LFICD Board Meeting
July 2, 2019
Bridport, VT

Minutes

1. Call to order: 5:35

Present: David Dodge, Dinah Bain, Gary Rodes, Wendy Lynch, Christine Chapline, Alissa Shethar, Craig Zondag

2. Approve June 4,2019 minutes.

The June minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Cash Forward: \$94,399.75

Cash received: \$0.68

Total cash for month: \$94,400.43

Total disbursements: \$15,301.06

Cash on hand: \$79,099.37

Accounts payable: \$0.00

Accounts receivable: \$6,000 (from Weybridge)

Net current assets: \$85,099.37

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Legislative update:

No update on legislatures' \$50,000 addition to the mosquito control budget until we have a new Grant Agreement from the VAA. LFICD' s share of the increase is \$25,000 for FY ending 6/30/2020.

Discussion as to whether we should incorporate for board officer's workman's comp insurance reasons. We should approach other municipal agencies, such as the Addison County Planning Commission, to see what they do about workman's comp insurance for board officers.

Related to Meg's on the job injury—Worker's Comp only pays based on the previous 6 months of paid employment, which doesn't take into account seasonal or new employees—a topic to bring up with the legislators.

5. Field report-Craig

Alissa posted a link to a survey on our website on Front Porch Forum, asking residents about their mosquito issues. The link had generated 23 Responses by July 2. Craig has responded by phone to half of them. David mapped the responses, and most are from woodsy areas east of the Lemon Fair, not from floodplain areas.

Craig made 2 property visits today and will make 2 more tonight. One property he already visited is near Lemon Fair Rd.-Bittersweet Falls intersection. It is in a floodplain/ledge area and Craig already has a light trap nearby. Visiting properties has been very valuable, for the residents and for Craig. Craig is setting up 4 light traps in new areas to try to get a handle on species in problem areas we haven't checked before.

Floodplain larval surveys have shown little larval activity— only a few pockets of larva found.

Craig has been investigating drone use for larviciding. The drones being used have a payload of 40 lbs., which is a bag of larvicide. The BLSG is setting up a demonstration visit from one of the drone companies. To use a drone for larvicide application, the operator needs to have a drone pilot license and a pesticide license. The drones run for an hour without changing batteries.

A new microscope has been ordered for species identification

The Lemon Fair was at high flood for 2 months straight this season. Larval counts have been 0, except for a few sites. Craig doesn't think there has been a second hatch.

Craig will write up a list of agencies to be contacted in the event of a treatment; we should now include NRCS (Jim Eichenberry) if the WRP areas are to be treated, and VTRANS if treating by helicopter.

6. Public Outreach:

Alissa posted a link to a survey on our website on FPF and it got a lot of responses—FPF seems the best way to reach the public.

Tom Vanacore left a long message; he thinks the light trap data is not representative of the numbers of mosquitoes that he is seeing. Craig will connect with him.

7. Wetlands reclassification.

There is a petition by the Cornwall and Salisbury Conservation Commissions to reclassify parts of the Cornwall Swamp from Class II to Class I wetlands. This would control building activity within a wider footage (50' more) around the wetlands; but should not affect mosquito control activity. The reclassification process still has a long way to go.

8. Landing Zone approval status.

Craig needs to get back to the 3 landowners for signatures for an FAA form for final FAA approval; then the Vtrans Board, which meets in August, will need to approve the sites.

9. Insurance update:

We have the binder; David will check to see if the policy is ready.

10. New Business—None

11. Meeting adjourned 6:30

Next meeting: August 6, 2019, Cornwall Town Hall, 5:30