

LFICD Meeting
July 6, 2021
5:30 pm
Bridport Town Office

Draft minutes

1. Call to order: 5:30

Present: Dinah Bain, Wendy Lynch, Alissa Shethar, Judd Markowski, Gary Rodes, Mia Handte-Reinecker, Craig Zondag, David Dodge

2. Approve June minutes:

The June Minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report (corrected):

Cash Forward: \$102,056.98

Cash received: \$12,104.16

Total cash for month: \$114,161.14

Total disbursements: \$22,319.48

Cash on hand: \$91,841.66

Total accounts payable: \$1,600

Accounts receivable: \$16,000

Net current assets: \$106,241.66

Our next VAA reimbursement request covering the first half of the 2021 season should use up a significant portion of the remaining \$39 thousand left under the 2021 grant that ended on VT's June 30 fiscal YE. Dinah and David will discuss whether to seek carry over.

4. Field and lab report:

Trailer update: The heat pump needs servicing but the company that installed it has not responded- Craig will find a different service provider.

June has been dry. Even though the light traps have yielded more mosquitoes than last year, the number is still low. Our UVM intern, Mia Handte-Reinecker, began on June 1st and plans to do a series of short mosquito prevention podcasts that we can post on the website. How best to publicize? Our Middlebury College intern, Sam Chester started on June 7th and is part of a GIS-LIDAR collaboration with Middlebury College. Sam, Mia, and Craig have gone out to the field to compare physical features with LIDAR maps. They have been working with Middlebury's Bill Hegman and Will Greene, using a drone to collect data from about 400 acres of the Cornwall and Bridport floodplain. Mia and Craig made two site visits to homeowners with questions about reducing mosquitoes on their properties.

Open house is planned for July 24th, and Sam will have a presentation under the tent with maps that he can talk about, Craig will write announcement for Front Porch Forum, there will be new flyers, zucchini treats, and prizes. Spread the word.

Field days August 10-14th- possibility for LFICD table?

New charts for light trap data showing spikes in specific species are much more effective at communicating changes from year to year than old light trap data spread sheets. Discussed best way to post on website.

6. New board member update: No firm prospects but... still looking.

8. Next meeting: August 3 in PERSON, Cornwall Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.