

Lemon Fair Insect Control District
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
Bridport, VT

Draft minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:30

Present: David Dodge, Dinah Bain, Christine Chapline, Alissa Shethar, Chuck Burkins, Meg Madden, Craig Zondag

2. Approve Feb. minutes: The February minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$67,961.86

Cash received: \$38,142.32

Total cash for month: \$107,104.18

Total disbursements: \$7,749.50

Cash on hand: \$99,354.68

Accounts payable: \$0.00

Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net current assets: \$99,354.68

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Increasing VAA reimbursement budget, how much do we need to ask?:

David has created a spreadsheet of expenses vs. income for 3 scenarios: no treatment, 1 treatment, or 2 treatments.

Bottom line: If we use 1.5 treatments per year as a baseline, we would need \$50,000 more per year, so we would need a budget of approximately \$120,000. Our allocation from the VAA has not changed since the formation of the LFICD in 2006; however, the scope of the work and State mandates for us (IPM requirements) have added more expenses and the cost of aerial larviciding has doubled from \$10/acre to \$20/acre

Chuck has spoken with Diane Lanpher (Vergennes), who is on the appropriations committee. He has also spoken with Chris Bray, briefly. David has a phone call in to Peter Conlon. We should contact Harvey Smith (on Natural Resources committee). Chuck will get back to Chris B. and Diane L. with our ask. He will explain that even a once/year treatment will quickly bankrupt us.

If the VAA increases our budget, we would still have to match 25% of the VAA allocation with town funds and in-kind hours.

We will need our 2 Senators and our 2 Representatives and others? to be on board for an increase in the State budget.

5. Vt. transportation Board helicopter landing site inspection:

The inspection and hearing was held on Feb 21.

Present were members of the VT Transportation Board, members of the LFICD board, Dominique Golliot (Ag. Resource Management), Patti Casey (VAA) and Scott Fortney (Aviation Operations Specialist North), Chris Thresher (JBI pilot), a representative from Green Mountain Power, 1 resident from Weybridge, and the fire chief and Select Board Chair from Cornwall.

We have now received a Certificate of Approval for each of the landing sites from the State, but this is subject to FAA approval (Bill Gianetta). There will be a final site visit in mid-March. If the FAA accepts the evaluations by the State, they will issue a Letter of Determination and we will officially be able to use the sites to land a helicopter.

6. PERT field trip

Dominique Golliot (Vt. Agricultural Resource Management) thanked us for hosting the pesticide training field trip. There were 52 participants. Craig and Will Mathis (BLSGP) both gave presentations.

7. Status of 2019 permits:

There is only 1 State permit application due this year, the 1-year aerial spraying permit. Chris C. sent an email to Linda Boccuzzo (VAA) for the application, but since nothing has changed since last year, we should only need to change the dates on last year's application.

JBI needs to submit the yearly VTrans "applicators permit" application.

8. New Business:

The AMCA requested that mosquito districts comment on the proposed new NPDES (pesticides in waterways) regulations--we are not interested in commenting.

9. Adjourn at 7:10

Next meeting: April 2, 2019 Cornwall Town Hall, 5:30