

LFICD Board Meeting
March 5, 2024
Virtual Zoom meeting

Draft Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:30

Present: Christine Chapline, Bob Cluss, David Zarowin, Judd Markowski, Dinah Bain, Gary Rodes, Craig Zondag,

2. Approve February 6, 2024 minutes:

The minutes from the February 6, 2024 meeting were approved with one clarification.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$114,471.63

Cash received: \$0.70

Total cash for month: \$114,472.33

Total Disbursements: \$3,066.14

Cash on hand: \$111,406.19

Total Accounts payable: \$0.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net Current assets: \$111,406.19

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Dinah mentioned that beginning on July 1, 2024, employers will have to pay a 0.44% payroll tax on wages into the Vermont Child Care Contribution.

4. Field Coordinator Report:

Discussion around the Aerial Permit led to editing the permit to include language that allows for use of a mechanical drone for aerial application of larvicide. This is the first step. The next steps include finding a licensed drone pilot with a mechanical drone and a pesticide license. The alternative is to purchase a drone and have the field coordinator obtain the required FAA license.

Craig met with the Addison County Regional Emergency Management Committee on February 14th. The purpose was two-fold. One, to educate the committee on the challenges of mosquito abatement in our area and two, to put forth what Best Management Practices look like going forward. There could be grant support from the Regional Planning Commission for the latter.

The 2024 Internship announcement is going out on Handshake the first week in March.

Outreach: Craig has been invited to speak at Salisbury Elementary School addressing 4th and 5th graders about mosquitoes. Their teacher, Amy Clapp, has put a challenge out to her students to invent something that will reduce or eliminate mosquitoes. Craig will be going into their classroom in the first half of March.

5. Aerial Permit update:

The VAA revised the Aerial Permit application to include language regarding drone application of pesticide, so we have to transfer our application responses to the new form and get it sent in to Patti. Chris will fill out the new form and Craig will be the contact person on the application.

6. Insurance update:

Our liability insurance and our workers comp insurance companies have both informed us that they will not be carrying us when our insurance with them expires. Lew Castle is looking for alternative providers. An application for liability insurance with a new company has been sent.

7. New Business:

Gary is meeting with the Weybridge Select Board next week.

The LFICD cell phone is still having an issue: when Craig makes calls it identifies him as a previous owner of that number to the recipient. Gary will look into changing the cell phone number since we haven't been able to resolve the issue with the provider.

Town Meeting Updates:

Bridport Town Meeting: Bridport voted to hold a vote (by Australian ballot) at a later time (possibly during the August or November elections) to decide if they should leave the LFICD. They will hold an informational meeting beforehand with experts on both sides. The framing for the reason to hold a vote was that the LFICD only treats the LF valley immediate area and residents on the other side of 22A don't get any benefit.

Cornwall Town Meeting: No mention of the town's LFICD contribution during the meeting.

Weybridge Town Meeting: No mention of the town's LFICD contribution during the meeting.

To do: We need to get started drafting a letter to legislators to educate them about our needs.

8. Adjourn: 6:30

Next meeting: April 2, 2024, 5:30 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting