

LFICD Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
5:30 PM via Zoom

Draft Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:35

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

Add to the agenda: Post Notices of Intent to spray larvicide

2. Approve the March 3, 2026 draft minutes:

The March 3, 2026 minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$135,665.23

Cash received: \$0.78

Total cash for month: \$135,666.01

Total Disbursements: \$3,697.13

Cash on hand LFICD: \$131,968.88

Total Accounts payable: \$0.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$33,859.95

Net cash, w/grant cash: \$165,828.83

Net current cash w/o grant cash: \$130,128.83

Net current assets with grant cash and CD: \$202,839.65

Private Grant:

Initial: \$72,200.00

Added to checking account: \$36,200.00

Initial CD deposit: \$36,000.00

Spent: \$500.00

CD interest in 2025: \$683.21

CD interest 1/2026-3/2026: \$327.61

Current Grant CD value: \$37,010.82

Current total value: \$72,710.82

4. Field coordinator report: (Craig)

Interns for the 2026 season:

I have recently invited a UVM applicant for an interview.

I still haven't been able to download Middlebury College applicants for review. Our posted deadline for applicants is April 17. Bob will post the position announcement at locations in Middlebury College.

Cornwall Conservation Commission:

Craig will speak to the Cornwall Conservation Commission and interested residents on what the LFICD does and how we wish to extend our outreach to property owners. The program is scheduled for Wed, April 22, 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Cornwall Town Hall.

CNY Drone Service: On March 18, Rick Jordon called to touch base:

#1. To see if we're still interested to have him as a resource for larvicide application via drone.

#2. To follow through and renew his permit for the application of larvicide in the State of VT.

#3. To better understand floodplains, Rick has been working with someone that does mapping in identifying clay substrates and soil permeability to better understand drainage patterns.

#4. Rick has also obtained a bigger drone with nearly 4 times the load capacity. This affords longer sorties. For example, 40 minutes vs. 10 minutes. This reduces time to reload and be more efficient.

Magnetic signs for vehicles being used for LFICD activities: Prices vary from \$40 to \$60. We will need 3 sets indicating LFICD surveillance activity and two sets indicating transport of larvicide activity. There has been no response from the other drone company in Vermont; Bob will try to recontact them.

5. Drone landing site permissions:

The OCWICD has created a form to ask for permission from landowners affected by larviciding activities. Their form will be modified by the board for LFICD use. The next step is for Craig to get signatures from affected landowners.

6. CNY Drone Service fees:

2026 service fees were not a part of Craig's call with Rick Jordan, so we need to contact CNY for the 2026 season fee structure.

7. 5-year Larvicide Application permit update:

On April 2, Steve Dwinell, Bob Cluss and Craig met to discuss and clarify permit requirements. Permission forms have been drafted to access properties for surveillance and treatment. Creating new maps via a Parcel Viewer App as maintained by the "Vermont Center for Geographic Information" (VCGI) are being pursued. Zack Szchukowski (Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets) will be helping to create polygons identifying treatment zones and well heads.

8. Notice of Intent to spray larvicide:

We need to have the 2026 Notice of Intent to spray larvicide announcement posted by the Addison County Independent, 2 radio stations and Front Porch Forum asap. The NOI needs to be published at least 25 days before any larviciding occurs.

Chris, Bob and David will work on getting the notice out.

9. New Business:

Gary Rodes announced that he will be resigning from the board within the next few months. The LFICD needs to recruit a new member from Weybridge.

10. Adjourn: 6:24

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 5:30 PM via Zoom

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