

LFICD Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2026
5:30 PM via Zoom

Draft Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:34

Present: Dinah Bain, Bob Cluss, Christine Chapline, Gary Rodas, David Zarowin, Craig Zondag

2. Approve the December 3, 2025 draft minutes:

The December 2, 2025 minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report

Cash forward: \$141,389.81

Cash received: \$0.80

Total cash for month: \$141,390.61

Total Disbursements: \$4,238.75

Cash on hand LFICD: \$137,151.86

Total Accounts payable: \$0.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net current cash, w/grant cash: \$137,151.86

Net Current assets w/o grant cash or CD: \$101,451.86

Net Current assets with grant cash and CD: \$173,835.07

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: \$570.33

Current Grant CD value: \$36,683.21

Current total value: \$72,383.21

A suggestion was made to put some of our extra money next fall into a 6-month CD to earn cash during the off season.

The January Treasurer's report is approved.

4. December 2025 LFICD Field Coordinator's Report (Craig):

I participated in this year's NMCA conference in Hyannis, MA., Dec. 7-10, 2025. Once again emphasis was placed on the efforts to knock down EEEV (Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus) in MA, RI and CT. Test result summaries for VT: 33 positive pools for WNV; 4 positive pools for JCV. This is the first year VT has tested for JCV (Jamestown Canyon Virus), noting that all the other New England States have been testing for JCV for years. It's good to establish a base line for this virus in VT. Interestingly, there were no reported pools of EEE in VT this year. By comparison, 2024 yielded 86 positive pools for EEE. Of note, NJ recorded its first case of Malaria.

LFICD Field Season Wrap Up

Overall, CDC Light Trap numbers were down from last year. We trapped 82,197 mosquitoes. The breakdown by predominant species is as follows, comparing stats from 2024: 87,521 mosquitoes.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<i>Aedes vexans</i> :	21,314	18,597
<i>Cq. perturbans</i> :	38,626	24,675
<i>Oc. Canadensis</i> :	1,626	401
<i>Oc. sticticus</i> :	7,924	0
<i>Oc. trivittatus</i> :	3,988	20,980
Males:	3,845	7,465

Oc. trivittatus numbers were much lower this year than last—perhaps due to a dry August? *Oc. trivittatus* is a vector of 7 diseases. *Oc. sticticus* numbers were high compared to zero last year. *Cq. perturbans* (cattail mosquitoes) numbers were unexpectedly high, given the dry conditions.

The LFICD district's annual field report for the State grant requirement is finished and ready for Craig to send to the VAA-FM.

5. New larvicide application permit application:

Bob has spoken with Jeff Schumann at OCWICD and Jeff is setting up a meeting with Patti Casey (VAA-FM) for both districts to discuss what the State expects us to do about the new 5-year permit requirements. OCWICD is due to renew their 5-year permit this year, but LFICD has until next year. We will decide after the meeting whether or not we can meet the new requirements and be put on the same schedule as the OCWICD.

6. Approved 2025 budget and cover letter to Select Boards:

Chris will send out the approved 2026 budget so the towns have it for Town Meeting (the Select Boards were sent the draft budget, which hasn't changed). If we do not treat next year, we don't intend to charge the towns. If that is the case, Dinah will send the towns a letter in September when she normally sends the invoices.

7. Revised Formation Agreement to the Select Boards for approval:

Bob and Chris will work on a cover letter explaining our proposed changes to the Formation Agreement, which we believe to be non-substantive, and ask the Select Boards to approve the revised agreement.

8. New business:

Craig received a call from Peter James regarding the restricted landing zone permit at the James property at Monument Farms. The permit will need to be renewed (by the Peter James Farm) if we still need a landing zone. Since we no longer plan to use a helicopter service, Craig will let Peter James know that the permit does not need to be renewed.

Since the drone service will need sites to land the drone in order to reload larvicide along the treatment areas, Craig will be looking into contacting landowners along the treatment areas to get permissions for drone landings when necessary.

9. Adjourn: 6:30

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 5:30 PM via Zoom

Video link to this meeting:

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