

Lemon Fair Insect Control District  
Tuesday, Nov 7, 2017  
Bridport, VT

**Draft Minutes**

**1. Call to order:** 5:10

**Present:** David Dodge, Gary Rodes, Dinah Bain, Christine Chapline, Chuck Burkins, Wendy Lynch, Melissa Lourie, Craig Zondag

**2. Approve Oct. Minutes**

The October minutes were amended and approved.

**3. Treasurer's report**

Cash Forward: \$91,109.34

Cash received: \$0.59

Total cash for month: \$91,109.93

Total Disbursements: \$12,240.48

Cash on Hand: \$78,869.45

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$0

Net current assets: \$78,869.45

The Treasurer's report is approved.

**4. Status Fiscal Year Change:**

An email was sent on Oct. 6 to the town clerks of Cornwall, Bridport and Weybridge asking them to add our request (to amend the LFICD Formation Agreement to change our fiscal year to correspond with the calendar year) to their Select Board's next agendas.

The Cornwall Select Board will vote on the amendment change at their meeting tonight.

The amendment change is on the agenda for Bridport's Select Board meeting on Nov. 14.

Weybridge will either vote on it at tonight's meeting (but it is not on their agenda) or it will be on their Dec. agenda.

We will assume that the amendment request will pass in the Select Board meetings for our projected 2018 budget.

The current budget draft for 2018 includes Dec. 2017. We should add to the budget notes that Dec. 2017 will be included in the 2017 projected Actuals rather than in the 2018 budget.

**5. Budget**

The Board reviewed the latest draft of the 2018 budget.

Dinah moved that we approve the budget subject to any changes that need to be made if the new fiscal year amendment passes the Select Boards.

The 2018 budget was passed unanimously.

## **6. Field Coordinator report**

LIDAR project: Craig met with Bill Hegman and Caroline Trowbridge (Middlebury College), who will be helping us with the LIDAR project. He took them to the Bordeleau property in Weybridge for a field survey of the area we intend to use in the project and they got started by taking waypoints of features such as anthills and tire piles to see if they will show up in the LIDAR data.

WRP site: Craig received an email from Jim Eikenberry (NRCS). Jim wants to look at the SD Ventures WRP site (West Street, Cornwall) with Craig (to assess mosquito habitat issues on the site) now that a gate has been installed to access the site.

Jeffrey Carter (UVM extension) invited Craig to talk to the Champlain Valley Farmer's Coalition about using sidewall-cutting equipment on the tire piles that are used as weights on silage bunkers, in order to reduce mosquito habitat. The tire cutters cost approximately \$18,000-\$25,000. Craig attended the meeting and spoke to the group of farmers about the issues with vector mosquitoes breeding in intact tires and the options available for removing the tire sidewalls.

Weybridge elementary will visit the LFICD lab on Nov. 16.

Craig, Meg and David met with Tim Schmalz (VAA) and Judy Radsinsky (the new VT State entomologist) and took them into the field to show Judy what the field techs are doing for mosquito surveillance. Tim was also enthusiastic about the LIDAR project.

Chhoki, Meg and Craig are beginning to summarize the 2017 adult mosquito trapping data.

Craig is going to the NMCA conference in Dec.

Craig is also going to an AMCA workshop (Train the Trainers; best practices on mosquito management) at Rutgers Univ. in Dec.

The trailer has not been repaired yet. The larvicide still needs to be moved to the BLSGP storage site.

Craig discussed the mouse issue at the LFICD lab at Weybridge Church with the Church deacons—The deacons will get estimates for dealing with the mouse problem.

**7. Community outreach and website update**—not discussed

## **8. LIDAR with Middlebury College Project**

Caroline Trowbridge has begun her research and has submitted an invoice for the first 3 weeks of work, along with research notes. She is working closely with her advisor, Bill Hegman for the initial research.

## **9. Adjourn: 6:30**

Next meeting: Dec. 5, 2017, Cornwall Town Office, 5:00