

LFICD Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2026
5:30 PM via Zoom

Draft Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:37

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

2. Approve the May 5, 2026 draft minutes:

Dinah has corrected the May Treasurer's report, so Chris will correct the minutes and resend to the clerks. The minutes are approved after making the corrections to the Treasurer's report.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$130,912.77

Cash received: \$33,880.65

Total cash for month: \$164,793.42

Total Disbursements: \$10,709.06

Cash on hand LFICD: \$154,084.36

Total Accounts payable: \$0.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net cash, w/grant cash: \$154,084.36

Net current cash w/o grant cash: \$118,384.36

Net current assets with grant cash and CD: \$191,312.29

Private Grant:

Initial: \$72,200

Added to checking account: \$36,200.00

Initial CD deposit: \$36,000.00

Spent: \$500.00

CD interest in 2025: \$683.21

CD interest 1/2026-5/2026: \$544.72

Current Grant CD value: \$37,227.93

Current total value: \$72,927.93

Vermont is instituting a program for employees in companies with 2 or more employees to opt in or out of a State-run Roth IRA. This will involve some paperwork, and, if any of our employees opt into the IRA, Dinah will have to send their IRA contribution from their paycheck to the State. Craig and the interns will have to decide if they want to participate in the State-run IRA program.

4. Field coordinator report: (Craig)

Internships: LFICD Field Tech & Middlebury College GIS-Lidar:

Both interns began the week of Memorial Day. Joe Baker began on Tuesday, May 26 and Wrenna Pai began on Wednesday, May 27. Both women have actively participated in field work from the start. We have collected 1st instar larvae and are currently raising them in the lab. From May 26th through June 1st, larvae in the field have been slow to develop and advance their instars. Both cooler temperatures in the day and colder temps at night are contributing to their slow development. In addition, we've been both observing the recession of puddling in the floodplain to the point where perhaps most of the larvae

present are dead as a result of areas drying up, evapotranspiration, and evaporation. However, the remaining puddles still hold larvae and are untreatable due to the thatch of Reed Canary Grass.

On June 1st we met with Charlie Bettigole, GIS-Teaching Fellow at Middlebury College to prepare for the Mapping Internship which will begin the week of June 8th. Plans are to upgrade maps with property owner boundaries, ownership, optimum vantage points for drone take offs, and the ability to create treatment polygons that will pair up with the drone for treatment. The Mapping intern will also spend some time with us in the field to see what are the challenges we face and also have a sense of the overall landscape. The GIS Mapping Internship program is also willing to help documenting aerial imagery that “Parcel View” does not allow.

On June 2nd, The interns along with myself participated in field research on behalf of “River Watch,” a program under the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Water samples were collected from three sites situated in the very headwaters of the Lemon Fair River. Water samples are then sent to a lab to be tested for Total Nitrogen & Total Phosphorous. ~ I feel this opportunity helps all of us to see and better understand the scope of what’s not being researched, while at the same time, making connections to understanding the scope of a watershed and what ultimately contributes to water quality, flood prevention and even the reduction of mosquitoes in the landscape.

Cornwall Residential Site Visits: I have met with and visited three property owners in Cornwall. Once again the purpose of these visits are to evaluate mosquito habitat on the property and empowering the land owner to reduce that habitat with IMM methods and techniques. One of the landowners is availing his property (37 acres) as a study site through the summer, creating bench mark values to better assess and evaluate other properties in the future. Reports are written, and recommendations are prescribed for each property owner. The placement of three “DUNKS” were placed on one property so far. Residence have expressed great appreciation for these visits and has helped them better understand the relationship we have with mosquitoes.

Site permission: Craig will confirm with the VAAFm whether or not we can legally treat without specific permissions from landowners, based on our existing 5-year permit.

5. New Business

Bob Cluss received a response from Aero Drone Solutions, LLC (a Vermont based drone agricultural applicator company) and they are interested in talking with us about larviciding; they are in start-up mode and are mostly doing agricultural treatments currently. They might be an option in the future.

6. Adjourn 6:19

Next meeting: July 7, 2026, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

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