

Lemon Fair Insect Control District
Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Bridport, VT

1. Call to order: 5:15

Present: Alissa Shethar, Gary Rodes, Dinah Bain, Melissa Lourie, Chuck Burkins, Chris Chapline, David Dodge, Craig Zondag, Meg Madden

2. Approve April Minutes:

The April minutes are approved.

3. Approve Treasurer's Report:

Cash forward: \$97,355.71

Cash received: \$0.77

Total cash for month: \$97,356.48

Total Disbursements: \$9,316.78

Cash on Hand: \$88,039.70

Accounts payable: \$1200.00

Accounts receivable: \$18,144.00

Net current assets: \$104,983.70

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Legislative update:

Ruth Hardy told Craig about a Senate bill which may transfer adulticiding permitting from the State to the Federal Government. Information is still spotty. Craig will ask Patti Casey for more information.. David will ask Peter Conlon.

\$50,000 for mosquito districts is still pending in the Senate version of the 2020 State budget.

Tonight's Cornwall Select Board meeting includes discussion of reclassification of the Cornwall Swamp from Class II to Class I, David and Craig will attend.

5. Field Report:

The techs have been out dipping, larva collection is heavy in spots, but it seems to be getting caught in pockets. Larva are light in the LF flats. Swamp Rd. Otter Creek area is so flooded the water is moving fast across the road. There are layered instars of larva.

Craig is monitoring when this first hatch comes off. No action is necessary yet.

Meg was bitten by a dog while doing larval survey on April 22. A leashed dog bit her on the arm causing a deep puncture that needed stitches and a tetanus shot and causing a shoulder and neck sprain and bruising. The medical expenses will go through our Workers Comp policy; Liberty Mutual will seek reimbursement from the homeowner's insurance. Lost wages don't come into play with Workers Comp unless the worker misses 7 days of work and Meg only missed 4. Update: Liberty Mutual will pay for lost hours, but Vermont requires it to be based on the average over the previous 26 weeks (which does not allow for seasonal work).

6. Public Outreach

Over the years, we haven't been getting representative data from calls to the hotline since people have not been calling in in areas where mosquitoes are bad. However, there is evidence that the outreach efforts are changing the way people understand the work that LFICD does in quite a positive way. By getting residents involved in data collection (telling us what they are experiencing) and having Craig and Meg respond to issues and educating residents, the complaint line has helped people understand the problem and how we are responding better. Alissa will make up flyers to post again this year.

Craig may write a column for the Addison Independent and Front Porch Forum.

7. Landing Zone approval status:

Bill Gianetta, FAA Aviation Safety Inspector re-did Craig's maps. The permit requires that the grass be mowed to a maximum of 8" in the landing zone, so a 40 x 40 site will have to be mowed when we need the helicopter. We also need markers at the corners of the landing zone and a portable fire extinguisher. Craig needs to get landowner approval signatures again on the FAA permit form.

8. 2019 Permit Status

Patti Casey has still not reviewed our 1 year aerial permit application.

Addendum: Aerial permit received mid-May.

9. Insurance update:

Our Workers Comp policy is with Liberty Mutual through Paige and Campbell Insurance in Bristol. We can't get exemptions for Board Officers, though, since we are not incorporated. David will speak with Lew Castle about whether it makes sense to incorporate or whether being a municipal agency is sufficient.

10. New Business:

May 24th Patti Casey is coming visiting Craig and Meg at the lab to discuss tire cutters (at 10:30).

Adjourn 7:15

Next Meeting: June 4, 2019, Cornwall Town Office at 5:30.