

LFICD Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2026
5:00 PM via Zoom and Cornwall Town Hall

Draft Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:12

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

2. Approve the September 1, 2026 draft minutes:

The September 1, 2026 minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$100,010.56

Cash received: \$176.56

Total cash for month: \$100,011.29

Total Disbursements: \$12,042.00

Total Accounts payable: \$0.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net cash, w/grant cash not in CDs (cash on hand): \$87,969.29

Net current assets with grant cash and CDs: \$160,799.07

Private Grant:

Initial: \$72,200 Grant Current total value: \$73,524.78

Added to checking account: \$36,200.00

Spent: \$500.00

Deposited in NBM CD #1: \$36,000.00

CD #1 final interest: \$1,557.78

NBM CD #1 value (final): \$37,557.78

NBMCD#2 initial value: \$37,557.78

Interest: \$87.51

NBM CD #2 total: \$37,645.29

Vermont Federal Credit Union CD (deposited August 2026): \$35,000

Interest to date: \$184.49

VFCU CD current value: \$35,184.49

4. Field Coordinator Report: Craig Zondag

NRCS Reed Canary Grass Abatement:

On Sept 2nd, I noticed some swaths of Reed Canary grass that had been brush-hogged off of Lemon Fair Road on the NE side of the bridge. On September 3rd, after having picked up Light Traps, brush-hogging had resumed. I crossed paths with Jim Eikenberry and he gave me an update on this floodplain management program. Initially, this is an area that wasn't going to be addressed for another year. Jim had to stop operations while I was there because he didn't have written consent from Monument Farms to continue the work. At that point, I intervened and connected the Monument Farms owner with Jim and we all met in person out on the floodplain. E-documents were signed and work resumed. Jim also informed me that they are going to begin brush-hogging S.D. Ventures and another area south of Rte. 125 in the second week of September. Brush hogging S.D. Ventures to the East of Payne Dr. in Bridport was conducted around the third week of September. Revisiting the site off of Lemon Fair Rd. NE of the bridge going over the Lemon Fair River, Reed Canary Grass has already pushed through the cutting and is nearly 2 feet tall. Jim's plan is to herbicide these areas next Spring.

NEVBD (Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector Borne Diseases) requirements: To date, 320 egg rafts had been collected this season and brought to the lab for rearing. The total amount of egg rafts collected: 333. Eighty-four of the egg rafts either hatched out prior to collecting or died before hatching. Of the surviving larvae which consisted of 249 egg rafts, the following represents the relative percentages of species that survived:

249 Species Identified as larvae (late 1st to early 2nd instar):

Mortality: 25% (84/333)

Surviving larvae:

Culex restuans: 46% (115/249)

Culex territans: 1% (1/249)

Culex pipiens: 9% (22/249)

Of the surviving larvae, 7 hatched out egg rafts were successfully sent to NEVBD/Cornell.

Light trap season: The 2026 Light trap season is officially over. Seventeen weeks (May 29 - Sept. 30) yielded 39,018 mosquitoes.

In 2025 (fifteen weeks, June 4 – Sept. 16) yielded 93,574 mosquitoes.

In 2024 our traps yielded 87,521 mosquitoes.

In 2023 we had our highest yield of 128,473 mosquitoes.

2026 was an exceptionally low year for adult mosquitoes trapped.

I'm beginning to compare seasons relative to species abundance. It's not likely that there will be enough data of information to make future predictions, but, we may be able to document shifts in species abundance.

Craig attended a regional pest control meeting in New Hampshire, as did Patti Casey (VAAF&M) and one member from the OCWICD.

The tire treads left over from tire cutter demonstrations at the Weybridge church need to be disposed of. Judd will take them to the transfer station.

The propane heater in the lab at the Weybridge Church needs service. It was decided that the LFICD will take care of the service, but organize it through the church.

Craig would like to renew our contract with Handshake for intern advertisements in the Spring. Craig will let us know the cost of Handshake and whether we can contract for part of the year. We will make a decision at the next Board meeting.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission: Craig will be attending a meeting with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission and road commissioners from the towns to express his concerns about culverts that are not draining properly and are creating mosquito habitat.

A motion was made to approve Craig's travel and expenses for the Northeast Mosquito Control Association meeting in Mystic, CN in December.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2027 Draft Budget Discussion:

Dinah presented a draft budget for 2027 for review and discussion by the board members. The updated draft budget will be sent with the October minutes for Select Board consideration. The budget vote will be held at the November 3, 2026 LFICD board meeting to be held at the Bridport Town Hall at 5:30 PM.

6. New Business: none

7. Adjourn: 6:00

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 5:30 PM

Public Budget meeting, Bridport Town Hall and via Zoom

To view the video of this meeting use the following link:

<https://middlebury.zoom.us/rec/share/MWRLyw4Poq4-vZKcrPeFRc-9BFhS5LJHHWV8wmXEniQOUuTVIlgJTfMz8tAnjjRz.likoTt9aB7sgommW>

Passcode: zt?4iUuP