

Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition, Inc.

Wednesday, March 2, 2016
9:30 am – 12:00 pm
UVM Extension Office
23 Pond Lane, Middlebury, VT



Directors Business Meeting Minutes

9:30 – 10:00

President's Opening Comments

Brian acknowledged the brief nature of this month's business meeting and deferred his comments until the later part of the meeting when all Members were present to discuss RAPs. He did point out the copy of the newest version of the Membership Application form which will be voted on today.

Secretary Report

Motion to approve February minutes: Brian Kemp

Second: Loren Wood

Discussion: correct spelling of accountant's name

Passed without abstention or dissent (7/0/0)

Membership - Applications/Approvals

Approve new members

No new membership applications to approve

Approve new membership application form

New membership affirmation statement (w/ signature) included on application

Will a simple statement accomplish the goal?

List of applicants one week prior to meeting, can think about it ahead of time

Letter, Sponsor/Reference

Goal to keep people involved, educated, don't want to be on a pedestal

Need to be an accurate, real voice, don't want to make folks uncomfortable, lead by example

Motion to approve new application format as presented: Peter James

Second: Rachel Orr

Discussion: part of KLF position to know what's going on and provide insight

Passed (8/0/0)

Treasurer Report

Jeff presented Profit & Loss and Balance sheet through March 2, 2016.

Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented: Brian Kemp

Second: Marie Audet

Discussion: none

Passed (8/0/0)

KLF Grant, Position Description, Budget & Advertising Strategy

\$45,000...UVM did not withhold F & A

New split (\$39,000 salary/\$6000 outreach)

Got it stretched out through December 2017 (2 years)

With payroll service information have a good scenario for budget

50% FTE @ \$38,000 = \$19,000 annually (20 months' worth of work)

Announcement...

Where to advertise:

University websites

Craigslist

Country Folks

Seven Days

Newsletters

Co-ops

Budget = \$500 - \$600

First run...out to members and Craiglist

On website this afternoon

Deadline for March 31st.

Other Issues _____

All

Open Membership Meeting

10:00am

Presidents Report to Membership

Brian Kemp

- Subsurface Tile Drainage Report
- Approved a new membership application with statement of Membership

Vermont's Subsurface Tile Drainage Interim Report

VAAFM and ANR submitted this interim report on February 15th to the Legislature as requested that summarizes currently known assumptions and facts about the use and impact of subsurface tile drainage Vermont's Farms.

RAP Open Discussion

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, the Agency of Agriculture Released its revised version of Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs). We will sit down and go through the RAP document and identify specific areas of concern, opportunities to make the RAPs more realistic and achievable, and constructive criticism that we will then present to the Agency of Agriculture **at a special CVFC meeting on March 8th.**

Notes were taken on large scale paper and compiled into a document for the March 8th meeting (attached). Also attached are the formal comments submitted by CVFC regarding draft 2 of RAPs.

12:30

Moved to ADJOURN Meeting: Lorenzo Whitcomb

Second: David Conant

Passed (8/0/0)

Reminder: Next CVFC Board of Directors Meeting – April 13th, 2016