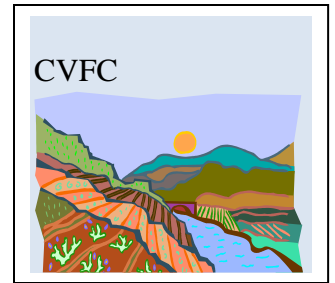


Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition



*** Meeting Minutes ***

January 9, 2013 9:00am to 12:00pm
UVM Extension Office Conference Room, Middlebury

Members Present:

Eric Clifford, Clifford Farm	Tim Kayhart, Kayhart Brothers Dairy
John Roberts, Butterwick Farm	Brian Kemp, Mountain Meadows Farm
Paul Wagner, Wagner Ranch	Ernie Audet, Blue Spruce Farm
Loren Wood, Woodnotch Farm	Ray Brands, Deer Valley Farm
Ted Foster, Foster Brothers Farm	Jeff Carter, UVM Extension
Peter James, Monument Farms	Rico Balzano, UVM Extension
Lorenzo Whitcomb, No. Williston Cattle Company	Kirsten Workman, UVM Extension
Tom Eaton, Agriculture Consulting Services	Guest Speaker: Ethan Swift, DEC Watershed
Ben Dykema, Wilcon Farm	Coordinator

9:00 am Welcome and CVFC Business Meeting - Jeff Carter, UVM Extension

Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written: John Roberts

Second: Peter James

Discussion: add names of all attendees...Ben Dykema

Passed unanimously

Financial Report

No formal financial report...working off grant

Administrative Update

Meeting with Jim Foley Jr. 01/04/13 - Jeff, Kirsten

- 2 hour meeting went well
- Decided on 501(c)(5)...mutual benefit
- If a 501(c)(3) is required, UVM can serve that role for grants

Bylaws - membership classes, dues, voting status

- Spent lots of time revising to avoid issues that might arise
- Preserve integrity of process
- Distinguish between board of directors and general membership
- Membership classes....some are voting, some are not, dues structure
- One general membership meeting per year
- Separate board meetings from membership meetings...executive sessions to conduct business
- Agricultural clause...in order to vote
- Advisory Group class member
- Extension membership...appointed
- Have Jim Foley at next meeting??
- Give Chair authority to limit discussion
- Keep education at the core...



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UVM Extension Update - CV Crop, Soil & Pasture Team

- Newsletter
- 2012 impact reporting...DRAFT
- Legislative Reception in February...CVFC member to accompany Kirsten
- Extension Annual Report...highlighting Darby, Carter work

Lake Champlain Agricultural Workgroup - January 14 deadline

- Public Meetings...Middlebury, St. Albans. As a result, workgroup is being formed to draft the agriculture portion of TMDL plan
- John Roberts, Tom Eaton, Jeff Carter, Ted Foster, Eric/Jane Clifford submitted applications
- They want farms of all kinds/sizes represented

LCI Blue Resolution Coalition Press Conference - State House, today

- Press Conference to present resolution at State House
- 30 member coalition
- CVFC participation

James Maroney Presentation - State House, January 16

- Presentation on VT land use regulations/AAPsplan
- Room 10...public, will there be minutes?
- Jeff will be in attendance

Hone message (Jeff): Educate, advocate, assist...we need an elevator speech

10 am - 11:45 pm

Water Quality Discussion

Ethan Swift, Watershed Coordinator

DEC Watershed Management Division

Monitoring, Assessment and Planning Program

➤ **Otter Creek Basin - Water Quality Management Plan**

➤ **Lake Champlain Basin Program - Request for Proposals**

Aerial Cover Crop Seeding in the Lake Champlain Basin

UVM Extension or Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of NY

11:45 am

Next Meeting, Topics and Schedule

February 6th ...10:00 - 12:00

Jim Foley...by laws

Others...Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative, use of WQ data

Revisit TMDL process

No Till Corn Planting....Tom Eaton has farmers who could present

VT Farm Show...table, display

Advisory Group Discussion

Julie Moore, Potential...Diane Bothfeld, Tom Vogelmann, Roger Albee, Chuck Ross,

Craig Miner, Marlie Rupe, Middlebury College (Nancy Jenks?),

Homework...others

Need to define group goals to communicate

12:15

Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Ben Dykema



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