

Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition, Inc.

Wednesday, October 7, 2015
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
UVM Extension Office
23 Pond Lane, Middlebury, VT



Business Meeting Agenda

10:00 Welcome and introductions

Secretary Report

Membership Application Approvals

*Motion to approve applications for Vermont Farm Members,
Four Hills Farm & Champlainside Farm: Ernie Audet*

Second: Loren Wood

Discussion: None

Passed without dissent or abstention

Approve September Minutes

Motion to approve September Minutes: Ernie Audet

Second: Ben Dykema

Discussion: None

Passed without dissent or abstention

Treasurer Report

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Eric Clifford

Second: Loren Wood

Discussion: None

Passed without dissent or abstention

Presidents Report

- Brian was unable to attend due to unavoidable circumstances, but sent along comments regarding RAP discussion

Kirsten Workman

Jeff Carter

Brian Kemp

CVFC Outreach activities

Nate Severy

WLEB: Crop Management Implementation Plans Update

Nate Severy

- Going to Meet with Mark Cannella to add business planning/financial information in CMIP

High Meadows Fund/Keep Local Farms Update

Nate Severy

- Need to share reports with Board. (Quarterly/Annual)
- Keep Local Farms...been awarded, but no contract yet

CVFC Annual Meeting discussion

- Everybody welcome...recruit new members
- Farmer Panel...well prepared slide show, time limits, discussion
- Research Results from EXT and CVFC Members (with farm names attached)
- A million slides,
- Highlight positives ...flashier annual report presentation

Farm Show

- Slide show on loop...BIG
- Do we want our own booth? Or share with Crops Exhibit?
- Sell T-Shirts,
- Spend Promotion \$\$
- Good Media promotion

Draft RAP Group Discussion-

On October 20th, the Agency of Agriculture released a draft of the Required Agricultural Practices. The proposed regulations dramatically change what all farms will be expected to do to minimize their impact on water quality.

We will sit down and go through the RAP's 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 their public hearings.

This discussion will an opportunity for you to become informed and to have your voice heard on what the future of farming in Vermont will look like.

12:00 ADJOURN

Next CVFC Board of Director Meeting – December 9th, 2015