

# **Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition Incorporated**

## MINUTES

Organizational Meeting

February 6, 2013

23 Pond Lane, Suite 300, Middlebury, VT 05753

### In Attendance:

Kirsten Workman, UVM Extension

Brian Kemp, Mountain Meadows Farm

Rico Balzano, UVM Extension

David Conant, Conants' Riversde Farms

Loren Wood, Woodnotch Farm

Ernest Audet, Blue Spruce Farm

Eric Severy, Matthew's Trucking

Lorenzo Whitcomb, No. Williston Cattle Co.

Jeff Carter, UVM Extension

Peter James, Monument Farms

Paul Wagner

Ray Brands, Deer Valley Farm

Ben Dykema, Wilcon Farm

Tim Kayhart, Kayhart Brothers

Matthew Severy, Matthews Trucking

Ted Foster, Foster Brothers Farm

Eric Clifford, Clifford Farm LLC

John Roberts, Butterwick Farm

### **11:00 AM: Membership Meeting Called to Order**

Membership Applications were accepted from the following to establish founding membership of Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition Incorporated:

Peter James

Brian Kemp

Paul Wagner

Ray Brands

John Roberts

David Conant

Ben Dykema

Loren Wood

Tim Kayhart

Ernie & Marie Audet

Matthew & Eric Severy

Ted Foster

Lorenzo Whitcomb

Eric Clifford

Motion to approve the Board of Directors as listed below: David Conant

Second: Ted Foster

Discussion: Term lengths

*Passed without dissent or abstention*

Motion to approve Term lengths (also listed below): Ben Dykema

Second: Peter James

Discussion: None

*Passed without dissent or abstention*

### Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition Inc. Board of Directors 2013

NAME	INITIAL TERM LENGTH
Eric Clifford	1 year
David Conant	1 year
Peter James	1 year
Ernest Audet	1 year
Tim Kayhart	2 years
John Roberts	2 years
Lorenzo Whitcomb	2 years
Brian Kemp	3 years
Ben Dykema	3 years
Ted Foster	3 years

Motion to adjourn Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition Inc. Membership Meeting  
**Meeting Adjourned 11:45 AM**

#### **11:45 AM: Director's Meeting Called to Order:**

Directors approved all members listed on the Membership List (attached)

Motion to appoint Jeff Carter as Facilitator/Chairman and Kirsten Workman as Secretary of director meetings until next annual membership meeting and as Special Directors (*Article V. Section 3: Special Directors*): Peter James

Second: Brian Kemp

Discussion: If unable to attend, a replacement designated, board will temporarily appoint one for the meeting  
*Passed without dissent or abstention*

Motion to adopt By-Laws as distributed with amendments (attached): John Roberts

Second: Eric Clifford

Discussion: amended, changes made during meeting are reflected in the attached by-laws  
*Passed without dissent or abstention*

Motion to elect John Roberts as President: Eric Clifford

Second: Peter James

Discussion: john accepted nomination, Dave clarification on 'farmer member'  
*Passed without dissent, Jonh Roberts abstained*

Motion to elect Eric Clifford as Vice President: Peter James

Second: Brian Kemp

Discussion: none  
*Passed without dissent, Eric Clifford abstained*

Motion to Adjourn meeting Ernie Audet

Second: Ted Foster

Discussion: next meeting date, March 5th 10:00 to 12:00  
*Passed without dissent or abstention*

**Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM**