

Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition, Inc.

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
UVM Extension - Middlebury
23 Pond Lane, Suite 300
Middlebury, VT 05753

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Called to order...10:10 AM

Website

Eric, Jeff, Kirsten, Others

Please take a look and come with suggestions:

www.champlainvalleyfarmercoalition.com

more printer friendly form
standing agenda item
use information from the handout/flyer
search words: soil health, cover crops,

Ag Workgroup Summary Report

Jeff, John, Ted, Ben

Jeff handed out "Agricultural Working Group Interim Recommendations" report.

Future meetings are not scheduled as of yet.

Report submitted to EPA...waiting for a response

The workgroup did not make recommendations about floodplains...there is still opportunity for future input as discussed during April meeting

OUTREACH

Jeff, John, Kirsten

- *Across the Fence episodes*
 - *PBS has footage to borrow*
 - *Kirsten has been taking footage*
- *Display at ECHO conference*
 - *Handout is okay, maybe display*
 - *May 28 & 29th (Brian & John R)*
- *Watershed Meetings*
 - *Worked well, come back to in late summer/fall*
- *Logo design (see business meeting)*
- *Ideal Farm (NY) Newsletter idea...sent out to community members*
- *Facebook video idea in Essex, VT*
- *YouTube Sawyer Farm, Ticonderoga...bad press example*
- *FIELD DAYS!!...plan for CVFC booth, farmer outreach and community outreach*

Workgroup Updates

All

- *WLEB...grants starting to go out, Capital Grants will go out late June, continued funding for at least one more year. Technical assistance next year for application preparation. (Brian K)*
- *NRCS State Technical Committee... Jeff (and now John) attending*

- NRCS Soil Health Committee...Jeff & Kirsten are members. New priority for NRCS nationally, co-sponsor conference with CVFC & Extension??

Extension Grant Projects

Jeff, Kirsten

- Cover Crop work...replicated trials.
- SARE Strips/Demo...Ted @ sidedress (rye), Brian @ cultivation (clover); marie...aerway
- LCBP...NMP
- John & Justin on-board full-time for field season
- Future grants information...NRCS-CIG, NIFA...soil health, no-till, cover crops

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Called to order 11:15 AM

Review and Approve April Minutes

Jeff Carter, Kirsten Workman

Motion to accept april minutes as distributed (Brian)

Second: Ted Foster

Passed....without dissent or abstention

Business/Financial Update

Jeff Carter/John Roberts

Currently have no treasurer. We opened a checking account. Used grant funding to buy QuickBooks.

Financial report (included). Can now generate receipts and invoices. Reconcile checking account.

Motion to approve financial report/balance sheet as distributed: Ted Foster

Second: Marie Audet

Passed without dissent or abstention

President's Report

John Roberts

Regarding John's employment. Funding is through UVM Extension. CIG grant covers one day a week, the rest of the time it is through ACAP and other grant funds. Future grants can be co-sponsored by CVFC. Web page is a priority.

Membership Application Approvals

Jeff Carter/Kirsten Workman

Membership Dues...per April Meeting

Chuck Lacy

Motion to approve application as received:Ted Foster

Second: Marie Audet

Passed without dissent or abstention

Treasurer??

Jeff Carter/John Roberts

We do not have a treasurer, Jeff is currently acting as treasurer

Motion to elect Jeff Carter as Treasurer: Marie Audet

Second: Brian Kemp

Passed without dissent, Jeff Carter abstained

Remember look into Audit Committee (accountant), non-profit tax filing, business insurance for directors

Logo Deisgn...choose from submissions or try again?

Kirsten Workman

Like the cow/wheat one with adjustments. Kirsten will get back to the designer with changes...water, corn

Meetings during cropping season

Keep it consistent, able to conduct business, request input for those who cannot attend

NEXT MEETING: June 5, 2013 10:00 – 12:00

Legislative Update: Marie Audet

The environment for farmers in the legislature is difficult as a result of the driver's license debate.

Common sense cow power issues getting stuck because of bad press.

How do we access the legislature to give a balanced voice? Cease the opportunities when they arise, go to functions, etc. Work together to let each other know about these opportunities. Create relationships with your representatives. Legislative farm tours. WLEB tours.

Motion to ADJOURN the meeting: Ted Foster

Second: Brian Kemp

Passed without dissention or abstention

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:03 PM