

Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition, Inc.

Wednesday, July 6, 2016
UVM Extension Office, 23 Pond Lane, Middlebury, VT



Directors Business Meeting Minutes

9:30 am

Opening Comments

Approve Minutes from last Board meeting

Motion to approve: Brian Kemp

Second: Marie Audet

Discussion: none

Passed (2/0/0)

Membership Applications and Approvals

None this month

Financial Report to the Board

Jeff presented Balance sheet and Profit & Loss statement

Motion to approve July financial statements: Brian Kemp

Second: Marie Audet

Discussion:

Passed (2/0/0)

Dairy Outreach Coordinator Position – Update

- Resend to membership
- Sent to: AgriView, Jed Davis, individuals, Dairy Discussion Group (Facebook),
- TO: Laura Hardie, Green Mountain Dairy Federation

Addison County Fair and Field Days

- Do we have a presence?
- Rainfall simulator if it is available
- New display materials...for display and rainfall simulator

Other Business _____

Open Membership Meeting Minutes

10:00 Welcome and CVFC President Comments

RAP Hearings

- **Draft Letter**
- Brandon hearing: people complaining about big ag
- St. Albans hearing (Marie): well-organized, addressed costs of implementing (\$1.09/cwt), good farmer comments, CLF, Bobby Starr too much focus on LFO/MFO
- Royalton: more combative, farmers wanted to be left alone
- Three Watershed Groups (FWA, CVFC, CRWFA) + co-ops
- Farm Bureau...wants to reach out to CVFC, looking to be more pro-active

Clean Water Fund Board budget survey

- Send survey out to all members: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FY18CWF>

Farmer Watershed Groups meeting summary

- Jed will be distributing notes to all three groups + agency?
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Short-Video collaboration proposal

- Manure Injection, No-Till & Cover Cropping
- NEDPB will fund, looking for input and

Final comments for RAPs-

- Chesapeake Bay example....keep going back to farms. Need to remember that it is not just ag. (Bob)

*The last day for farmers to submit formal public comment for the proposed RAPs is **THURSDAY, JULY 7th**. Come hear and give **YOUR** input on the CVFCs comment letter that will be submitted after this meeting!*

We encourage ALL members to submit their own public comment, and having all of us come together as an organization and create a comment letter will greatly strengthen each one of our individual farms voices!

Other Business: _____

11:30 Motion to ADJOURN Meeting: Brian Kemp
Second: Marie Audet
(2/0/0)

Reminder: Next CVFC Board of Directors Meeting – August 3, 2016