

# Champlain Valley Farmers Coalition, Inc.

Wednesday, September 4, 2015  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
UVM Extension Office  
23 Pond Lane, Middlebury, VT



## Business Meeting Agenda

**Attendance:** Stephanie Pope, John Roberts, Brian Kemp, Eric Clifford, Cheryl Cesario, Kirsten Workman, Jeff Carter, Nate Severy, David Conant, Eric Severy, Lorenzo Whitcomb, Greg Bernhardt, Ed Schillawaski, George Tucker

### **10:00 Welcome and introductions**

#### **Secretary Report**

**Kirsten Workman**

Kirsten reviewed August Meeting Minutes  
*Motion to accept minutes: Brian Kemp*  
*Second: David Conant*  
*Discussion: None*  
*Passed without abstention or dissention*

#### **Membership Application Approvals**

Jed Davis, Cabot Creamery Cooperative (Class 3)  
Anthony Correia & Sons, Wynsum Holsteins (Class 1)

*Motion to approve membership applications as presented: Eric Clifford*  
*Second: Lorenzo Whitcomb*  
*Passed without abstention or dissention*

#### **Treasurer Report**

**Jeff Carter**

Jeff presented Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss through 9/4/2015  
Reviewed grant funding and financial logistics  
Application to Keep Local Farms Fund, UVM as fiscal sponsor  
Independent Contractors vs. Employees...decide after we receive word from KLF  
*Motion to accept treasurer's report: David Conant*  
*Second: Brian Kemp*  
*Discussion: None*  
*Passed without abstention or dissention*

#### **George Tucker – NRCS Update**

- Manure pit at Allandra Farm...neighbor upset and has a social media campaign, Chuck Ross letter

- 2<sup>nd</sup> McKenzie Brook Meeting: Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00. Review outcomes, discuss opportunities, Kip Potter presentation TMDL goals/model, set forth a phosphorus reduction goal & timeframe, core group for future meetings,

### **Presidents Report**

**Brian Kemp**

- Membership...KEEP WORKING
- Funding Opportunities
- WLEB: what is status? Need to be accountable
  - Nate: 4 of 6 are still confirmed, more time on this project
  - Laying plan outlines/templates
  - Copy at the next meeting?
  - Timeline...when is the first one to report on?
  - Got to have a plan...
- Employee Training Strategy for: WQ BMPs, RAPs, ...during the winter
  - Stickers, trainings, guides, SOPs, Modules
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### **CVFC Outreach activities**

**Nate Severy**

#### **Development of an Advisory Council**

- **Julie Moore, Stone Environmental (already agreed)**
- **NEDPA/ProDairy Caroline Potter...organizational development, present to smaller group**
- **David Mears, formerly of DEC, now Vermont Law School**

#### **Recognition of Arthur Clifford for being inducted into Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame**

- **Wednesday, Inductees...wall update next year**

#### **Funding Proposal for Keep Local Farms**

*See the Treasurer's report*

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### **EPA TMDL Targets released on August 14, 2015**

Agriculture will be expected to be a large player for Phosphorus reduction in Lake Champlain. Areas in the Otter Creek Watershed, including areas such as McKenzie Brook, will be especially scrutinized. We will discuss the plan and what it will mean for all of us in the future.

- Vermont AAFM Brochure is good. How is this going to get to farmers?
- Tile Drainage discussion

### **Water Quality article in Addison Independent targeting Otter Creek Watershed**

***Motion to adjourn: Eric Clifford***

***Second: David Conant***

***Passed without discretion or abstention***

**12:015**

**ADJOURN**

**Next CVFC Board of Director Meeting – October 1st, 2015**