



Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition Inc.

Wednesday, December 08, 2021

Minutes

ZOOM LOCATION:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://uvm-edu.zoom.us/j/7672674868>

Dial in by phone: 1 (929) 436-2866 | Meeting ID: 767 267 4868

Directors & Membership Business Meeting

9:30 am

Call to order & President's Report

Brian Kemp

Secretary Report

Kirsten Workman

- Review and approve November meeting minutes (*attached*)
Motion to approve November minutes with corrections: David Conant
Second: Brian Kemp
Discussion: correct a name
Passed (6/0/0)
- Approve membership applications – Stonewood Farm – Class 1 Vermont Farmer
Motion to approve Stonewood Farm membership application: Loren Wood
Second: David Conant
Discussion: none
Passed (6/0/0)

Treasurer Report

Jeff Carter

- Review current financial reports (*attached*)
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Ray Brands
Second: Marie Audet
Discussion:
Passed (6/0/0)

Communications Update

Sarah Audet

Annual Meeting

John Roberts

We need to decide whether to continue with an in-person meeting on January 19th at the VFW-Middlebury or go virtual again.

- Concern about getting that many people together again right now, especially just a couple weeks after the holidays. David Conant
- Loren..agrees. even vaccinated people are getting sick.
- Summer outdoor event as a later celebration
Motion to hold the meeting virtual: David Conant
Second: Loren Wood
Discussion: online ballot again...lots of reminders. Annual Review
Passed (7/0/0)

Vermont Farm Show/Addison County Fair & Field Days

Jeff Carter

Jeff will lead a discussion around the continuation of the Crops Exhibits at both Addison County Field Days and the Vermont Farm Show, and how (if) the farmer watershed groups could play a role that would be beneficial to their outreach missions and continue this important public education tool.

Vermont Farm show is now being run by an event management company. There will be a registration fee (\$4 online/\$5 at the door) – supports 2+2.

I would like your help with both crop exhibits – VT Farm Show and Addison County Fair & Field Days. VFS is soliciting sponsors for product booths (ie. Ag businesses). But should farmer watershed groups be the ones to sponsor. How do we make sure there is someone there to share what farmers are doing?

Pay for Phosphorus rolling out beginning in January based on FarmPReP

Executive Director Report

John Roberts

Updates on ongoing issues...CAFO permitting, wetlands, Payment for Ecosystem Services, Climate Council, and others

Transition Strategy

All

Jeff (Treasurer) and Kirsten (Secretary) are both leaving UVM Extension over the next few months. While both of them are prepared to assist in the transition, the Directors should discuss a strategy (interim and long-term) to fill the duties of those two positions.

Other Updates:

- Updates from the floor

All

ADJOURN Meeting - Next Meeting...January 5th, 2021