

## **Connecticut River Watershed Farmers Alliance**

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

WRJ USDA Service Center

10:00am-12:00pm

Present: Paul Doton, Ed McGlaflin, William Emmons, Amy Richardson, Walter Gladstone, Tom Beaudry, Jed Davis, Catherine Adams, Linda Corse, Beth Kennett, Jason Johnson, Steve Stocking, Mary Childs

### **10:00am-11:00am**

#### *General Business*

Meeting minutes from the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting were approved.

#### *By-Laws*

Jed Davis facilitated a review of the changes made to the By-Laws in the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Below are highlights from the review. Jed Davis will create a final draft based on comments to be reviewed by a lawyer before the next board meeting.

- Article X. Amendments- Discussion concluded that changes made by the board of directors to the bylaws would only be in effect until the next annual meeting, where the item would be reviewed and voted on by all members.
- Article XII. Dissolution of Sales of Assets- the CRWFA will be registered with the State of Vermont.

**ACTION**-Jed will distribute a final draft to the board for review. Each board member needs to respond. Paul, Beth, and Jed will communicate with a lawyer for final review before submitting to the Secretary of State.

### **11:00am-12:00pm**

#### *Logo*

The board of directors voted on the CRWFA logo #1. This logo is a rectangular/landscape shape with the Green Mountains, White Mountains, and CT River illustrated. The organization name is displayed in a banner at the top.

#### *Support Structure/Partners*

There was a round table discussion to share outreach to local partners and organizations that were considered as potential "location sponsor" to help with the physical address needed to file. Below is a list of partners and the directors acting as the main point of contact. During the round table, directors shared pros and cons to the partnership.

- Billings Farm, Woodstock VT- Jason Johnson
- Yankee Farm Credit, White River JCT, VT - Tom Beaudry
- Vital Communities, White River JCT, VT – Amy Richardson and Jed Davis
- UVM Extension, Vermont- Beth Kennett
- VTC, Randolph, VT- Mary Childs
- Donella Meadows Institute (DMI)- Jed Davis
- Dartmouth College- Jed Davis

There was a 2 part motion and discussion regarding the physical address of the CRWFA following the partner/physical location discussion.

Part 1- File with tax exempt status using the address for Paul Doton and establish a PO Box at White River and have a forwarding address to the appropriate member. Seconded. Discussion.

Part 2- Research PO BOX forwarding and options for a consistent mailing address. Seconded. Discussion.

**ACTION-** Catherine Adams and Bill Emmons will see what other organizations do. Will research post office boxes. Will also research banks with branches in NH & VT.

**ACTION-** Amy will continue the conversation with Vital Communities.

**ACTION-** Committee on who can help provide administration, understand options, support structure. Bill Emmons

#### *Website & Communications*

Laura and Mary will work on a website. Discussion will continue on website content  
CRWFA will continue sharing information and web links, even if repetitive, to help with branding and networking

#### *Other business*

Tom Beaudry gave an update on the Silvio Contey Refuge

**ACTION-** Tom will forward a link to the board of directors for more information

#### *Next Meeting*

Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the USDA WRJ Service Center

Meeting adjourned 12:16pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Childs