

Connecticut River Watershed Farmers Alliance Board Meeting
1pm September 11th, 2017 at the WRJ USDA Service Center

Board present: Paul Doton, Steve Stocking, Bill Emmons, Mike Dolloff, Beth Kennett, Amy Richardson
WRNRCD Representative: Marina Welch, taking minutes

Welcome at 1:05pm

General Board Discussion

Beth has her hat in the ring to join a subcommittee of the Connecticut Joint Commission. She's looking for more information about it.

Small farm inspections are happening next spring in the Ompompanoosuc, Waits, Wells, and Stevens River watersheds. Conservation District will try to visit farms ahead of time and work with Agency of Ag to get their list of farms that will need to certify as small farm operations.

New member: Matt Farrington (manager of Eastman Farm)-approved

Action: Add rainfall simulator video to website. Ask Katie Gehr and Trevor Lewis from Agency of Ag to come to next CRWFA meeting to talk about small farm inspection process. Check to see who is up for re-election on the board before the Annual Meeting in January. Check on membership renewals.

Grant Update

See attached summary of Organizational Development Grant.

First semi-annual report due October 15th. Marina will be writing this.

Event in late October 10-2pm. Have the No Till Drill there. Find possible speakers (Sarah Flack, Abe Collins, Kim Hagen, Jenn Colby, Jeff Carter, Sid Bosworth, Kevin Kaija, Carl M.)

Agenda: 2 people in the morning, Lunch, Walk after lunch (pasture specialist and brief soil sampling demo), One more speaker. Charge \$10, bring in lunch from local place.

Operation Documents Sub-committee: Beth, Amy, Bill

Winter outreach event will be the Annual Meeting, which is on the 2nd Wednesday of January according to the ByLaws.

Action: Set a date for the fall outreach event at Bill's place. Ask Hubbard Brook Research Center for event speaker-Contact is Anthea LaVallee

Upcoming Dates

Soil Sampling Workshops: Oct. 2nd 1-3pm and Oct. 5th 6-8pm at WRJ NRCS Building

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

Next meeting on Tuesday November 14th 10am-12pm

Minutes taken by Marina Welch