

Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition Inc.

2013 Annual Report



Corporation

- Incorporated as a 501(c)(5) Non-Profit Corporation February 6, 2013
- Adopted by-laws, filed incorporation with state of Vermont
- Named 10 Directors - three year terms
- Elected 4 officers - President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Good participation at meetings from all directors and founding members

Funding

- UVM Extension received USDA CIG - Conservation Innovation Grant from Vermont NRCS to form and support the CVFC
- Received FAP grant from Vermont Agency of Agriculture to coordinate and deliver payment on cost-share for farm agronomic practices in the Champlain Valley. Already paid 52 farmers \$128,000 just for winter cover crop

Membership

- Class 1 - Regular Voting member - 17
- Class 2 - Non-voting individual
- Class 3 - Non-voting business - 3
- Class 4 - Non-voting special member

Outreach

- Held two 'farmer watershed meetings' – Shoreham & Richmond – to meet with local farmers and open a discussion about the CVFC goals and current issues regarding water quality concerns in the watershed and state proposals for farm regulation changes.
- Displays/Booths at: Vermont Farm Show, Vermont Dairy Producers Conference, Organic Dairy Producers Conference, Addison County Field Days, Blue Spruce Farm open house
- Created brochures, website, logo
- Two directors attended the 'Blue Waters Green Mountains Environmental Summit' and shared information about CVFC

Policy

- Four Directors participated in VT Agricultural Working Group discussions, recommendations for water quality in Lake Champlain
- ***State of Vermont Proposal for a Clean Lake***
- Presented CVFC goals to VHCB - VT Housing & Conservation Board

Research & Demonstration

- Many members have partnered with UVM Extension, NRCS to conduct research and demonstration projects on their farms, host field days, etc.
- Cover Crops, Manure Incorporation, Conservation Tillage, etc.