

BLSG Board Special Meeting
July 1, 2021
Unapproved Minutes

Present: Mike Blaisdell, Jeff Whiting, Jeff Schumann, Richard Russ, Wayne Rausenberger, Doug Perkins, Chad Beckwith, Ben Lawton (alt), Paul Vaczy (Zoom), Steve Belcher

BLSG: Will Mathis, Tom Hogan, Bruce Baccei

Guests: John Vaaler (Zoom), Keith Whitcomb.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. Mike Blaisdell explained that the meeting had been called to discuss ways of keeping Salisbury in the State-funded Larvicide program.

The issue is that the State grant requires a 25% match from the BLSG, which comes through the services funded by the Member Towns for the Adulticide program, which Salisbury voters have chosen not to fund this year.

Wayne Rausenberger had sent out an email with a break-down of costs, that included the 25% match and then added other costs for a total of \$8,116. Jeff Schumann and others questioned the basis for that figure, noting that he had started with a lump \$4,500 sum and then added other costs. Wayne Rausenberger noted that in calculating the match for the State grant, the BLSG had always stopped when the 25% figure had been reached, but that there were certainly added costs to the Larviciding program that had not been considered.

Mike Blaisdell suggested the figure of \$3,185, based largely on the percentages.

Paul Vaczy noted that the vote in Salisbury was against the Adulticide program, and that they were interested in participating in the Larviciding program, recognizing that there would be costs. However, he also repeated his previous statement that there was no money in the Salisbury budget for the BLSG.

No votes were taken. It was agreed that a group consisting of 7 members of the Board would meet on July 6th to go over the budget to identify pertinent overhead costs. Doug Perkins had prepared a breakdown of the explicit budget expenses: Overhead, Adulticide, Larvicide, and distributed his document.

Wayne Rausenberger renewed a request for information on the Grant.

Mike Blaisdell informed Will Mathis that the personnel questions discussed on June 24th in Executive Session would be acted on at the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

The next regular meeting should be on Thursday July 15, at 7:00 pm, location and Zoom link to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
steve belcher