

Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 27, 2022 at 10am
Trustees of Public Funds

Meeting Start Time: 10am

Attendance: Tanner Romano, Courtney Satz, Laura Miner

The TOPF met to review the most recent funding request from Brandon in the amount of \$11,300 to offset expenditures of \$40,491.25 for mosquito control. At this time, the request is considered to be on hold by the board.

We as a board, do not contest the intent of Ms. Farr's original wishes in her last will and testament. From the original document, it's clear Ms. Farr intended to use a portion of these funds to combat mosquitos. However, the board raises concerns regarding the misalignment with Ms. Farr's original wishes and how they relate to current times. Drainage of swamps and open sewage are no longer relevant in our community in 2022, and there is concern that spraying of mosquitos may fall under the same category of outdated practices used in the 1960's.

The board agrees that our funding must not support projects which put public or environmental health at risk.

It was made clear in Ms. Farr's original wishes, the purpose of the TOPF funds go to the betterment of the town of Brandon, however, with the current breakdown of the Otter Creek Watershed Insect a control District, it's unclear at this time how costs are delineated from each town.

At this time, the board RE-ITERATED ITS request FOR an updated application from the town, which includes:

1- a proper breakdown of yearly finances with an actual cost report specific to the town of Brandon's portion within the Watershed district. Labor, Materials, Equipment etc. We have a fiduciary responsibility to reconcile the requested amount.

2- Documentation that the spraying of adulticides and larvicides have been vetted by the town to ensure public health.

3- Documentation that the general population of the town is in support of this approach to mosquito control.

Once this documentation is provided, the Board can resume its review of this request.