

THE FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE
Minutes of Special Planning Meeting
Franklin Homestead
August 26, 2009

A special planning meeting of the Franklin Watershed Committee was held in the dining room of the Franklin Homestead. The purpose of the meeting was to focus on financial issues. The meeting commenced at 5:05PM. Participating was: Jim Cameron, Peter Benevento, Dick Benton, Larry Myott, David Breed, Lucille Rainville, Sue Clark, David Lucey, and Heidi Britch-Valenta.

Fiscal Issues:

1. Sue Clark requested that a second signer be designated for the checking account. Jim Cameron was selected as the second signer.
2. Funding the septic pump-out program was discussed. It was decided that septic pump-outs within the Franklin Watershed were to be paid with Sec. 319 grant funds.
3. Funding the donation to the Franklin Homestead was discussed. It was decided that the donation would be paid with Sec. 319 grant funds.
4. A deficit to the budget items Other and Supplies were discussed. It was decided that money from budget items Travel and Equipment would be moved to cover the deficits in the Other and Supplies categories.
5. Funding the publication of a newsletter to comply with outreach requirements of the Sec. 319 grant was discussed. It was decided that Heidi's outreach efforts during the past year more than satisfied the grant requirements and that funding a newsletter was not necessary.
6. It was decided that a consultant would be hired to help evaluate projects identified through the shoreline surveys.
7. Jim Cameron will contact Rick Hopkins to determine if the FWC may pre-buy anticipated supplies.

Clean & Clear Program:

Heidi stated that grant money from the Clean & Clear Program is available for project research, identification, and implementation. Grant applications must be submitted by Sept. 30, 2009. Grants may range between \$5,000.00 and \$50,000.00. Jim stated that the grant money could be used: to increase Heidi's hours to 30 hours per week, to pay the required match for an Americorp volunteer and to implement proposed projects from the Stream Assessment. Jim also proposed that a meeting with area farmers be held to identify their needs. Additional potential projects discussed were: Phase II of the Dewing Rd. project, culvert work identified in the Stream Assessment, additional restoration work on Rhodes Cove and the Westcott Shore, camps with severe erosion issues, additional work on the Swamp Rd. ditch and stabilization work on Middle Rd. Conducting a seminar to identify potential projects was also raised.

Mini Grants:

Volunteers were solicited to research and apply for other grants available in smaller denominations. David Breed volunteered to apply for the License Plate Grant if suitable projects were identified.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Benevento, Secretary