

THE FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Franklin Homestead
September 10, 2009

Present: Jim Cameron, Larry Myott, Dick Benton, Paul Stanley, David Breed, David Lucey, Heidi Britch-Valenta, Sue Clark, Ruth Ann Krayesky, Carolyn Rhodes, Howard Rhodes, Guy Breault, Nancy Breault, Cynthia Forsyth

Jim Cameron called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Election of Officers

Nominations were solicited from the floor for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The following Officers were then elected each for a one year term. Jim Cameron, President

Sue Clark, Treasurer

Pete Benevento, Vice President & Secretary

Minutes

Minutes of the July 23, 2009 meeting were reviewed. David Lucey made a motion to accept the minutes. David Breed seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Minutes of the August 26, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Sue Clark made a motion to accept the minutes. David Lucey seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Sue Clark gave the Treasurer's Report. There is currently a balance of \$1247.70 in the checking account and a balance of \$39.55 in the money market account. Sec. 319 grant money invoiced to the state totals \$6938.32. To date a total of \$22,779.42 in Sec. 319 grant money has been spent leaving a balance of \$26,320.58 to be spent. Sec. 319 grant money used for the septic pump out program totaled \$1,025.58. Peter Benevento then made a motion to pay \$25.00 in Sec. 319 grant money for the Heritage Tour portopotty. David Lucey seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Sec. 319 Grant

Funding cycles and time lines for the Sec. 319 grants for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 were discussed. Jim Cameron will meet with Rick Hopkins for an extension of time to spend the remaining grant money available for the 2008-2009 years. Jim & Sue Clark will meet to reallocate the 2009-2010 grant money and will then report back to the group.

Sec. 319 Grant Activities Update

Heidi presented an update of action items in the 2009 319 grant. points of interest were:

Septic Outreach and shoreline stabilization- Sue Warren and Heidi Britch Valenta will meet to perform site visits to 5 potential project locations to develop plans. Approximately fifty surveys have been completed.

Stream Stabilization projects- Five stream projects have been completed, two are pending.

Farms Report- CREPS is presently preparing the paperwork for installing stream buffers at the Benjamin Farm. The Lothians have also agreed to have a CREPS proposal prepared for their review.

Outreach- Heidi Clarified with Rick Hopkins that the outreach projects, and articles in the LCCA Newsletters and her and Jim's TV appearance on Across the Fence met the outreach requirement in the grant and a separate newsletter would not be necessary.

Also: Jim & Sue will determine funds available for potential construction projects and will reallocate funds accordingly. Paul Stanley is developing a nutrient management project concerning an incentive based program to lower phosphorous levels in farm fields.

Clean & Clear Grant

\$5,000 to \$50,000 in Clean & Clear Grant money is available. 1-2 page pre-proposals for potential projects must be submitted by the end of September.

Mini Grants

David Breed will proceed with applying for the License Plate Conservation Grant. David Lucey will apply for a Better Back Roads Grant for the Swamp Rd. project. Heidi also informed the group of other grants including: The Lake Champlain Basin Program, Watershed for Classrooms and the Lake Champlain Research Initiative.

Water Sampling

Pete Benevento, Dick Benton and David Breed will convene a sub-committee to formally name all tributaries and culverts to Lake Carmi and will report back to the group at the next meeting.

Clean & Clear Proposals

The following projects were discussed for potential Clean & Clear Grant funding.

1. Dewing Shore Rd. Project- Continuation of rip rap revetment along Dewing Shore Rd.
2. Swamp Rd. Project- Correction of an erosion issue along Swamp Rd. This was determined to be outside the watershed and a potential project for the MBRA.
3. Patton and Westcott Shore Culverts- Several culverts on the Patton and Westcott Shores need work to prevent further erosion.
4. Future Septic Work- Identifying and digging of test pits for a community septic system.
5. Wagner Farm Manure Pit- Correction of design flaws to prevent seepage and overflow.
6. Fournier Farm- Correction of a silage bunker draining into the Rock River. This was determined to be outside the watershed.
7. Rhodes Cove Stabilization Project- Installation of rip rap rock to stabilize shoreline.
8. Town Culvert Inventory- Identification of Town culverts. David L. will research for cost.

At the conclusion of the discussion a vote was conducted and the following top six projects were identified for potential Clean & Clear Grant funding (votes are in parenthesis).

1. Dewing Rd. Project (14)
2. Wagner Farm Project (14)
3. Future Septic Work (13)
4. Rhodes Cove Project (12)
5. Fournier Farm (6)
6. Swamp Rd. Project (5)

Pre-proposals for Clean & Clear Grant funding for the above six projects will be submitted by Sept. 30, 2009.

AmeriCorp Volunteer

The application for the AmeriCorp Volunteer is completed. Howard Rhodes made a motion to submit the application. David Lucey seconded the motion. The motion was past.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Benevento, Secretary