

**THE FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Franklin Homestead**  
**March 11, 2010**

Present: Dave Lucey, Carolyn Rhodes, Howard Rhodes, Dick Benton, David Breed, Sue Clark, Guy Breault, Ruth Ann Krayesky, Lucille Rainville, Jim Cameron, Heidi Britch-Valenta, Albert Perry, Paul Stanley

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes-** Minutes of the board meeting held 2/20/2010 and of the agricultural meeting held 2/27/2010 were reviewed. Dick Benton made a motion to accept these minutes. Dave Lucey seconded this motion. The motion carried.

**Financial Report-** Treasurer Sue Clark reported that the FWC received a 319 reimbursement from the State of Vermont in the amount of \$12,672.33. She also reported that the current balance of the FWC's checking account was \$11,070.36. Jim Cameron then overviewed rolling over last year's 319 grant funds for this year's upcoming projects, and estimated the FWC's available funds for the 2010 calendar year to be approximately \$56,000.

**Better Backroads Grant-** Heidi Britch-Valenta and Jim Cameron noted that the FWC had received a Better Backroads grant application in the amount of \$10,000 for the Swamp road. The Franklin Town Select Board will carry out the work done under this grant, and will handle the money.

**Coordinator's Report-**

*Shoreline Projects-* Heidi reported on discussing with Staci Pomeroy alternatives to culvert replacement on the Patton Shore Road. These alternatives would be of higher value in terms of water quality improvement per dollar spent.

*LCBP-* A habitat grant was submitted on March 1<sup>st</sup> for vegetative shoreline buffers. A previous education outreach grant proposal has been denied, mainly due to the volume of applications received.

*Wastewater Treatment Planning-* The availability of planning funds for wastewater treatment projects was discussed with the state facilities engineer. The state would like us to finish with lakeshore septic system surveys and target a specific area for a wastewater treatment project before securing any planning funds.

*Pancake Breakfast-* 175 tickets for LCCA Ice-Out contest sold at the Franklin Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast. Representatives of both FWC and LCCA were there to spread the message of both groups

*Board Development Meeting-* Scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-12:00 at Franklin Homestead

*SEP Grant* - \$3000 from a fine is available for FWC use. SEP would like FWC to have a “shovel-ready” project, i.e., a contract with someone for a project that is already planned out for these funds. Options under consideration were the cover crop interseeding program, and the Patton Shore road culvert project. It was resolved to explore both options, and to find out the deadline for this project to be submitted in order to secure the funds.

*Franklin Elementary-* FWC will be putting information about their activities in the Franklin Elementary School newsletter. Also, the school will be taking a field trip to participate in the tree planting for the CREPS project that will take place at Mike Benjamin’s farm on April 21, 22, or 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Cover Crop/Farm Projects-* Members of the FWC will be conducting a conference call with the 319 grant administrators on 3/17/10 to discuss the FWC’s plans for cover crop and agricultural projects.

**AmeriCorps Position-** There will be a full-time AmeriCorps member working for the FWC, from March 15<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>. Susan Clark moved to allocate \$3000 and accept Sam deWahl for the AmeriCorps position. David Breed seconded. The motion carried.

**Extra Meetings-** Jim Cameron brought up the possibility of holding extra meetings as needed in order to accomplish more. Discussion followed.

**Ice-Out Tickets-** Albert Perry was present to report on the sales of Lake Carmi Ice Out tickets, and ensure that the tickets sold by FWC members were properly mailed in.

### **Project Planning for 2010-**

*Outreach-* The FWC will be out in the community during the Franklin Fire Department BBQ on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to raise awareness of our activities and upcoming events. Could possibly focus on shoreline buffers, and give away small trees to encourage the use of vegetative buffers as opposed to concrete walls.

*Cottage Tour/Rain Garden Demonstration-* The Lake Carmi Campers’ cottage tour may not happen this year, which could take away a possible venue to demonstrate the Rain Garden projects that have been carried out at camps around the lake.

*Shoreline Buffer Workshops/Demonstrations-* There is still a lot of interest among camp owners in concrete walls as opposed to vegetative buffers. Needs to be more outreach and education done by FWC to encourage landowners to use vegetative buffers for erosion control instead of concrete walls.

**Project Planning for 2010 (continued)-**

*VYCC Demonstration Projects-* FWC will conduct an outreach event, most likely a BBQ when the VYCC are carrying out a project near Lake Carmi again this summer.

*Septic Forum-* We may invite someone from Charlotte's Thompson Point wastewater treatment project as a guest speaker to raise the possibility of a similar project for the Lake Carmi area. This meeting would target the Franklin Town Select Board, lakeshore landowners, and any others concerned with planning this kind of project.

*Road Maintenance Workshop-* This workshop would target lakeshore landowners, and would raise awareness of the proper maintenance of roads, ditches and culverts on roads around the Lake Carmi watershed.

Applications for agricultural projects will be accepted, so this list of projects will grow as applications come in.

**Adjournment-** Dave Lucey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Sue Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried

Respectfully submitted by:  
Samuel deWahl, Watershed Technician, acting secretary