

THR FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Franklin Homestead
September 8, 2011

Participants: Jim Cameron, Sue Clark, Martine Gates, Bruce Bushey, Dan Larivee, Peter Benevento, Heidi Britch-Valenta, Paul Stanley, Lucille Rainville.

The meeting commenced at 7:00PM.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Clark gave the Treasurer's Report. An \$1800.00 donation has been received from the Lake Carmi Camper's Assoc.; the current check book balance is \$2185.14; and invoices currently outstanding total \$3973.12. It was noted that the high outstanding invoice total is due to the lack of grant reimbursements forthcoming from the State of Vermont. This is due to the extensive flood damage to the State office buildings in Waterbury, Vermont.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8-11-11 and the minutes of the Special Working Meeting held on 8-25-11 were reviewed. Jim Cameron stated that the minutes of 8-25-11 should be amended to reflect a decision made during the meeting that a minimum dollar amount be established to require projects to be placed out to bid. Peter Benevento made a motion to accept the minutes of 8-11-11 and to accept the minutes of 8-25-11 as amended. Bruce Bushey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AmeriCorp: Peter Benevento summarized the interviews of two candidates for the open AmeriCorp position. He stated that the interview panel recommends that Lindsay Fletcher be offered the position. Bruce Bushey made a motion to offer the AmeriCorp position to Lindsay Fletcher. Sue Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Election of Officers: The following slate of Officers for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was presented.

Jim Cameron, President
Martine Gates, Treasurer
Peter Benevento, Vice President & Secretary

Bruce Bushey made a motion to accept the slate of Officers as presented. Dan Larivee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

LCCA Weed Committee: Peter Benevento reported that the LCCA Weed Comm. will recommend to the LCCA that an application for a State permit to apply the herbicide Renovate be prepared and submitted. Renovate is a chemical used to control Eurasian milfoil.

Hammond Shore Project: Jim Cameron reported on the current efforts to secure the use of a Trash Pump to eliminate excessive sediment on the Hammond Shore. Five dewatering bags have been ordered; Jim will order the hardware to attach to the bottom of the pump's hose; and Dan Larivee will determine if appropriate hoses are available. A tentative date to use the Trash Pump was set for September 24th.

BMP Update: Paul Stanley gave the BMP update.

- Seed planted by Paul at the point of erosion of sediment from the Dewing field into the Hammond Shore has worked very well. A letter will be prepared formalizing a verbal agreement between Ben Gabois and Jim Dewing to plant a seed down buffer and employ no till planting on the entire portion of the Dewing field where the erosion occurred.
- Cover crops will be planted in more than 150 acres of farm land in the watershed. R. J. Fournier and Greg Bouchard have also expressed interest in cover crops.
- Chris Wagner is currently securing three bids to repair the access road to his farm.
- All proposed Nutrient Management Plans have been completed.

Coordinators Report: Heidi Britch-Valenta gave the Coordinator's Report.

- Additional shoreline buffer projects will be identified once the balance of grant funds available is determined.
- Bruce Bushey will contact the Enosburg and Richford Lions to identify potential funds for the Adopt a Tree Program.
- Scott Goodhue has been asked to submit a quote to repair Culvert 43 on the Patton shore.
- Stone Environmental would like to meet the last week in September to discuss preliminary findings in their Septic Survey of the Village of Franklin and Lake Carmi.
- State Offices are still not functioning to capacity due to the destruction of the State Office Complex in Waterbury. Jim Cameron will contact ANR to determine their status.
- Potential projects for upcoming grant cycle include replacing the north end outlet with a bridge or box culvert; the use of charcoal filter bags to trap phosphorous; tile drains; cover crops; data collection to establish a baseline for phosphorous; culvert design work and nutrient management plans. In reference to replacing the north end outlet, the impact on the Mill Pond and the dam were discussed. It was decided that an expert on the dam and its operation would be identified to give a presentation to the FWC.
- All late fall and winter meetings will be held at the Homestead. Use of conference calling will be explored to include members not available to physically attend meetings in the winter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectively submitted,

Peter Benevento, Secretary