

**Board of Directors Meeting
Franklin Homestead
July 14, 2011**

Participants: Jim Cameron, Sue Clark, Dan Larivee, Bruce Bushey, Ashley Bachelder, Peter Benevento, Heidi Britch Valenta, Polly Perkins, Paul Stanley, Ruth Ann Krayesky, Helen Dever, Bob & Mary Jeanne Everest, George R. Kane, Lisa Bourgeois, Ron Danyew, Lucille Rainville, Jill & Tom Mitchell, Jeff Teitelbaum, Jay Sheperd, Mark & Sue Prest, B. Russel, Guy Breault.

The meeting commenced at 7:00PM.

Hammond Shore Issue: Ron Danyew and his neighbors led a discussion on the problem of excessive silt deposits on the northern end of Hammond Shore Rd. The deposits emanate from heavy rains in the spring/ early summer that washed the silt into the lake. The deposits make the shoreline unusable for area residents. Representatives from VT-DEC and the Dept. of Agriculture are scheduled to visit the site on Monday July 18th to determine if any corrective action may be taken.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held June 9th & June 23rd were reviewed. Sue Clark made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bruce Bushey seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Clark gave the Treasurer's Report indicating that the check book balance was \$11,040.94. Bruce Bushey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Dan Larivee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jim Cameron made a motion to increase the standard mileage reimbursement rate to \$.55 per mile to be in line with the Federal rate. Bruce Bushey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

- Annual Meeting- The FWC Annual Meeting will be held Thursday August 11, 2011. Former Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Wayne LaRouche will be the featured speaker giving a presentation on the wildlife on Lake Carmi.
- Sec. 319 Grant- The FWC Sec. 319 grant application is still pending since the state has not yet received funding from the Federal government.
- Clean & Clear Grants- Two grant applications have been submitted through the Clean & Clear Program for continuation of the shoreline buffer projects and for the introduction of waterless toilets to the Lake Carmi community. A third grant will be submitted by the Town to the Clean & Clear Program for Phase 1 and Phase 2 stabilization of the public beach.

BMP Grant: Paul Stanley reported on the agricultural activities ongoing regarding the Best Management Practices in agriculture grant.

- Cover Crops- Planting cover crops in 180 to 190 acres on farms within the Lake Carmi watershed are the first priority. Farms around the lake but not in the watershed are the second priority while farms within the town of Franklin are the third priority.
- Chris Wagner Farm- Grant funds to install rain gutters and to install drainage tile around a manure pit have been approved.
- Seed Down- Two fields previously growing corn will be seeded down in grass.

Spending Plan: The Spending Plan set forth at the special working meeting on June 23rd was reviewed. Sue Clark made a motion to accept the spending plan. Bruce Bushey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AmeriCorps Report: Polly Perkins gave the AmeriCorps Report.

- NCCC AmeriCorps volunteers will be here next week to work on various projects throughout the watershed and the Town of Franklin.
- FWC Website- The website is up and running.
- Nominating Comm. - Jeff Teitelbaum has been nominated to fill an opening on the Board of Directors. Dan Larivee has been nominated to continue as a Director for a second three year term.

Weed Committee: Peter Benevento reported that the LCCA ad hoc Weed Comm. is holding a public information session on Friday evening July 29th at 7:00PM in the FELCO Room at the Franklin Homestead. The potential use of the herbicide RENOVATE to control the milfoil problem in Lake Carmi will be discussed. Representatives from VT DEC and the Dept of Fish & Wildlife will be available to answer questions.

President's Report: Jim Cameron gave a status report on the ongoing Septic Feasibility Study being conducted by Stone Environmental. Septic surveys are currently being conducted around Lake Carmi. Surveys in the village of Franklin will be conducted later in the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Benevento, Secretary