

**The Franklin Watershed Committee
Special Working Meeting
Franklin Homestead
June 23, 2011**

Participants: Sue Clark, Bruce Bushey, Ron Paradis, Peter Benevento, Heidi Britch-Valenta, Ruth Ann Krayesky, Roland Rainville, Carolyn Rhodes.

The meeting commenced at 7:05PM.

Allocation of Funding:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and determine the allocation of available funding to projects in the watershed. Due to the absence of a quorum, a final vote on the allocation of funding could not be made. The participants, however, discussed and reviewed the proposed projects and the Board members in attendance made the following recommendations. For more information refer to the 6/23/2011 agenda.

The estimates below are very general numbers. After a vote has occurred more accurate quotes will be pursued.

BMP Funding-LCBP Grant 2011:

- A total of \$7,920.00 was recommended to repair 330 feet of road on the Chris Wagner farm.
- A total of \$2200.00 in 2010 holdover money was re-affirmed for the stabilization of the Dewing Brook.

BMP Funding-Cover Crop/Seed Down Grant:

A total of 525 acres were committed to cover crop or seed down.

- A total of \$12,500.00 was recommended to cover crop/seed down 250 acres in the high priority zone of the Benjamin Farm (150 Acres), the Wagner Farm (50 Acres) and the St. Pierre Farm (50 Acres).
- 275 acres will go on the waiting list for potential coverage if other fields are not ready in time for the deadline.
- Scott Magan will provide the custom operating so farmers do not have to plant the cover crop themselves.

Clean & Clear- Culvert Grant: \$3,000 grant plus \$1,700 from 319 general funds

- A total of \$1600.00 was recommended to repair and stabilize culverts 30 and 36 on the Westcott Shore Rd.
- A total of \$500.00 was recommended to stabilize a header on culvert #17 on Sandy Bay Rd.
- A total of \$3000.00 was recommended to replace culvert #43 on Patton Shore Rd.

Clean & Clear-Shoreline Buffer Grant:

- A total of \$10,000 was recommended for the shoreline restoration of six camps on Lake Carmi. Costs include plants, rain barrels, soil, mulch, rocks and travel costs. If money is available after the completion of the initial six shoreline projects, more projects will be completed.
- Preliminary estimates are as follows:

\$1,500 for plants
\$650 for rainbarrels
\$3,500 for soil mulch, rock
\$300 Consulting expenses
\$120 aerator
\$1,200 raingutters ????

- 10 landowners are interested in plantings to stabilize their property. If time and funding allows all will receive assistance with labor and or expenses.
- AmeriCorps workcrew will arrive on July 18 to complete the projects.

Clean and Clear proposals for 2012:

Concepts for applications due 7-15-11 Heidi updated the board on the possible options

- Shoreline buffer grant- phase II
- Composting Toilet
- Public beach upgrade- FSB
- Stream assessment
- Conservation easement
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The group recommended the **shoreline buffer and composting toilet concepts** for submission.

It should be noted that the money for all of the above projects is available through either existing grants or local funding.

Next monthly meeting July 14th.

Annual meeting August 11th- remember you must be a current member for 30 days to vote.!

The meeting concluded at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Benevento, Secretary