

**The Franklin Watershed Committee  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Franklin Homestead  
May 14, 2011**

**Participants:** Jim Cameron, Sue Clark, Ashley Gates-Batchelder, Bruce Bushey, Peter Benevento, Polly Perkins, Larry Myott, Lucille Rainville, Paul Stanley, Guy Breault.

The meeting commenced at 7:00PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for Board of Directors Meetings of 2-10-11, 3-10-11 and 4-14-11 were placed before the Board for approval. Bruce Bushey made a motion to accept the minutes. Peter Benevento seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Clark gave the Treasurer's Report.

- No income was received during the month of April.
- Sec. 319 Grant expenditures totaled \$6,589.31.
- BMP Grant Expenditures totaled \$1,762.99.
- Americorp expenditures totaled \$1,400.34.
- Cash on hand is \$16,325.75.

Bruce Bushey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jim Cameron seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**President's Report:** Jim Cameron gave the President's Report.

- Septic Feasibility Study- Jim gave a succinct overview of the FWC/Town of Franklin's efforts to hire consultants to perform a septic feasibility study for the Village of Franklin and the Lake Carmi area. A Town Meeting to discuss the study is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Bids from interested consultants are due May 25<sup>th</sup>. The study should be completed this summer/fall.
- Board Development- The Board Development session has been postponed until the fall.

**Agricultural Report:**

- Cover Crops- Polly Perkins reported that the cover crop initiative includes 240 acres in the Lake Carmi watershed. This is a priority.
- Construction Projects- Polly reported that two projects involve the upgrade of access roads on the Wagner farm and the Bouchard farm. Both upgrades are designed to prevent further erosion of roads that transport manure. A third project involving the stabilization of a stream bank on the Fregeau farm is also planned.
- Nutrient Management Plans- Paul Stanley reported that two Nutrient Management Plans are in progress. R.J. Fournier has signed a contract which the FWC will fund 75% or \$660.00. Andy Godin will sign a contract which the FWC will fund 50% or \$267.00. Both plans are designed to control phosphorous levels in the soil while delivering the proper amount of nutrients for the crops to grow.

**Coordinator's Report:** Polly Perkins gave the Coordinator's Report.

- The Sec. 391 Grant Application for 2011-2012 has been submitted. Grant recipients and amounts will be announced at the end of May.
- Several shoreline buffer projects on Lake Carmi are planned for the summer. Plants for the projects have been purchased.
- VYCC and NCCC volunteers are scheduled to work in the watershed from July 18 to Aug. 26. Ten to twelve workers are anticipated.
- The June 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting will include a presentation of the water sampling results from 2010.
- The Annual Meeting in August will feature former VT Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Wayne LaRoche who will give a presentation on the wildlife at Lake Carmi.
- The annual FWC/LCCA clean up of the north end beach was discussed. The clean up was scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM.
- Several sample logos were reviewed. Logo #2 was voted as the official logo.

**Americorp Report-** Polly Perkins gave the Americorp Report.

- The FWC received twenty nine new membership applications in April.
- One hundred color thank you postcards been purchased for \$7.00.
- A site for the Tree Planting has not been determined. The tree planting site must be selected and the planting completed in three weeks if the Franklin Elementary School is to participate.
- The FWC now has a Facebook Page. A link from the FWC web site to the facebook page will be completed shortly.
- The FWC will enter a float in the annual Franklin Memorial Day Parade. An FWC plant sale will follow the parade.
- Polly gave a presentation on the environment at the Franklin Elementary School. The presentation was very well received.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peter Benevento, Secretary