

THE FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE
Minutes of Board of Director's Meeting
Franklin Homestead
July 7, 2010

Present: Sam deWahl, David Breed, Sue Clark, Heidi Britch Valenta, Jim Cameron, Peter Benevento, Guy Breault, Ron Paradis. Note: A quorum of Directors was not present.

The meeting commenced at 7:00PM.

Minutes: The minutes of the meetings conducted 6/10/10 and 6/24/10 were reviewed and approved by the four board members present.

Treasurer's Report: Sue gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the checking account is \$13,094.40; the rebate for 7 septic pump outs has been paid to date; and a donation of \$1800.00 was recently received from the Lake Carmi Campers Assoc.

Funding: Due to the significant cut in Sec. 319 funding for 2011, Heidi contacted Rick Hopkins and Sue Warren, both of VT-DEC. They were very supportive and stated they would help us locate other funding sources. They suggested we look toward the Clean & Clear Program, the Lake Champlain Basin Program and Better Back Roads for potential grants. They also suggested we invite Julie Moore to one our meetings to show her the programs and projects we have ongoing.

Jim suggested we have proposals for grant funding ready for submission. Heidi stated she would have project proposals for septic, cover crop and shoreline erosion done by 7/29/10. It was also stated that proposals for septic projects could be submitted through a state program entitled Rural Development.

AmeriCorps: Heidi stated that Joan Marie Misk called and informed her that the FWC has been awarded another AmeriCorps volunteer position for next year. Heidi will obtain more specifics about the position including the deadline for commitment.

Sec. 319 Grant: Jim stated that Rick Hopkins suggested the FWC use the 2011 Sec. 319 Grant to fund the FWC Coordinator position and that the Coordinator be tasked with finding other grant funding. Sue will prepare a spending plan for the 2011 Sec. 319 Grant Funds.

Selectboard Meeting: The FWC has been placed on the agenda for the Town of Franklin Selectboard Meeting scheduled for July 12 at 7:30PM. Pete will address the Selectboard on a proposal to partner with the Town and the LCCA in maintaining the north end beach area of Lake Carmi. Jim had also planned to address the Selectboard on septic issues but it was agreed this should be done at another meeting. Pete will call the Meuniers and inform them of the meeting.

Annual Meeting: The election of Directors at the Annual Meeting was discussed. Currently there are five positions up for election. Dan Larivee has stated he wishes to continue working on the Board. Dick Benton and Jim Dewing have fulfilled their terms and have decided not to seek re-election. David Lucey resigned for health reasons and Jim Mullen stated that he does not wish to continue on the Board. Jim & Pete is this year's nominating committee and will meet in the near future to identify potential replacements.

A speaker for the Annual Meeting was discussed. Presentation by the VT-DEC on the Boat Launch Greeter Program was discussed.

Raingarden Demonstration: The Raingarden Demonstration is scheduled for June 24th at 9:00AM at the Rhodes Camp on Camp Rd. Demonstration of the use of an Aerator at this event was also discussed.

Septic Workshop: A Septic Workshop is scheduled for July 31st at 9:00AM at the Franklin Homestead.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Benevento, Secretary