

THE FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Franklin Homestead
April 8, 2010

Present: David Breed, Dick Benton, Sue Clark, Wayne Stanley, Sam deWahl, Heidi Britch Valenta, Jim Cameron, Peter Benevento

The meeting commenced at 7:00PM.

Approval of Minutes- Minutes of the 3/11/10 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. Dick Benton made a motion to accept the minutes. Sue Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Sue Clark gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the checking account is \$8700.57. Total expenditures from the 2009-2010 Sec. 319 Grant is \$6,920.07. A discussion relative to the Septic Pump Out Program revealed that all residents within the watershed are eligible to participate in the program.

AmeriCorp Volunteer- Sam deWahl was introduced as the new AmeriCorp volunteer selected to work with the FWC. Sam provided a brief personal biography and spoke about the FWC priorities he will be working.

Coordinator's Report- Heidi Britch Valenta provided the Coordinator's Report.

- *Sec. 319 RFP-* RFPs for the 2010-2011 Sec. 319 grant have been issued. Grant applications are due by 5/7/10.
- *Board Development-* The Board Development session is scheduled for Saturday April 24, 2010 from 9:00AM to Noon.
- *SEP Funds-* A total of \$3000.00 has been requested from this fund for the Cover Crop initiative.
- *Tree Planting-* Tree planting on the Benjamin Farm is scheduled for April 21 from 8:30-10:30 AM. Children from the Franklin School will assist in the event.
- *Lakes & Ponds Seminar-* The FWC has been asked to give a presentation at the annual Lakes & Ponds Seminar on June 4th. Volunteers to assist in the presentation were solicited.
- *2009 Water Sampling Results-* Sue Warren of VT-DEC will attend the May 13 meeting to discuss the 2009 water sampling results.
- *VYCC Request-* The request for assistance from the VYCC has been denied. A second proposal to rehabilitate a culvert on Patton Shore Rd. will be submitted.

Governor's Award- Heidi announced that the FWC will receive the Governor's Award for their efforts to reduce phosphorous in Lake Carmi. The award presentation is May 3rd at 4:00PM in Montpelier. A reception will follow at 5:30.

Cover Crop Meeting- The cover crop meeting with Heather Darby of UVM Extension has been changed to April 12th.

Cover Crop & Shoreline Applications- A meeting to review cover crop and shoreline applications is scheduled for April 22nd at 7:00PM.

AmeriCorp Application- The decision to request a second AmeriCorp volunteer for next year was discussed. Dick Benton made a motion to apply for an AmeriCorp volunteer for 2011. David Breed seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Peter Benevento will prepare and submit the application.

2010 Project Planning- Items discussed included: a Shoreline Buffer Outreach Program to be conducted at the Franklin Fire Dept. annual chicken barbeque on July 3rd; the possibility of the FWC entering a float in the Franklin Memorial Day Parade; and the purchase of Shoreline Buffer signs to be displayed at project sites. Dick Benton made a motion to allocate \$200.00 for the purchase of signs. Sue Clark seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

North Shore Beach Clean Up- A clean up of the North End Beach area is scheduled for May 22nd at 9:00AM. This event is sponsored by the LCCA.

Septic System Workshop- Jim Cameron gave an overview of the septic workshop he and Heidi attended earlier in the day. He stated that the model of the septic system presented was ideal for Lake Carmi and that a similar system is currently operating in a community on Lake Champlain.

Dewing Project- Changes in a project on the Dewing Farm were discussed. Jim Cameron made a motion to amend the project contract to reflect that a fence at issue will not be erected and that cows will not be allowed in a specific area. David Breed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 8:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Peter Benevento, Secretary