

THE FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Franklin Homestead
October 8, 2009

Present: Jim Cameron, Peter Benevento, Paul Stanley, David Breed, Dick Benton, Lucille Rainville, Guy Breault, Howard Rhodes, Carolyn Rhodes, Ruth Ann Krayesky, Cynthia Forsyth, David Lucey, Ron Paradis, Sue Clark, Heidi Britch-Valenta.

Jim Cameron called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the 9-10-09 meeting were reviewed. Sue Clark made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by David Lucey. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Sue Clark gave the Treasurer's Report. There is currently a balance of \$39.55 in the money market account and a balance of \$963.90 in the checking account. A total of \$1732.97 was paid in monthly invoices and to date a total of \$1350.00 has been paid for septic pump outs. In reference to the 2008-09 Sec. 319 Grant Funds, a total of \$24,512.39 has been spent leaving an unspent balance of \$24,587.61.

Sue requested that a third person be designated to sign & approve invoices. Peter Benevento made a motion to designate David Lucey as the third signor. David Breed seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Tributary Names

David Breed, Dick Benton and Peter Benevento presented the group with a list of names for the Lake Carmi Tributaries. They solicited any proposals to change the names. After none were received they asked that the names be formally adopted. David Lucey made a motion to adopt the names. Howard Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion was carried to adopt the following names of tributaries:

Starting with Alder Run and continuing clockwise around the lake:

1. Alder run (#3 or Trib A)
2. Dickey Brook (#2 by Dick Benton, #5 by Brendan O'shea)
3. Dewing Brook (#1 by Dick, #4 by Brendan)
4. Kanes Brook (#3 by Brendan)
5. Hammond Brook (#2 by Brendan)
6. Hammond Brook South
7. State Park Brook
8. Marsh Brook
9. Broudy Brook #9 (#9 by Brendan)
10. Broudy Brook #10 (#8 by Brendan)
11. Westcott Brook (#7 by Brendan)
12. Sandy Bay Brook (#4 by Dick or Aldiho Brook)
13. Gator Brook (5.5 by Brendan)

Cover Crop Incentive

Jim Cameron and Heidi Britch Valenta lead a discussion on this year's cover crop incentive. After reviewing the regulations and stipulations imposed by FAP the group decided the following: to honor the original commitment to Ron Paradis and Mike Benjamin, to allocate \$12.00 per acre to fields individually owned by Chris Wagner & Roland Rainville, and to spend the balance of the money on the transition of corn to hay on two other fields individually owned

by Chris Wagner and Roland Rainville. David Breed made a motion to approve this application of the Cover Crop Incentive. David Lucey Seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Coordinator's Report

Heidi Britch Valenta gave the Coordinator's Report as follows:

1. Shoreline Projects: Heidi has met with Sue Warren of DEC and Emma (?) of UVM Extension to review shorelines around the lake needing improvement. They will meet again to draw up proposals for respective landowners to improve their shoreline.
2. Dewing Project: Heidi has received the permit for continuation of the Dewing Shore restoration. The construction period has also been extended to 11-15-09.
3. Shoreline Surveys: A total of 53 shoreline surveys have been completed. Heidi will evaluate the surveys with Sue Warren & Tom Clark for additional projects.
4. Clean & Clear Proposals & Swamp Road: Proposals for Clean & Clear Grant money has been submitted for Dewing Shore Stabilization, Septic Soil Testing and the Rhodes Cove Project. In reference to Swamp Rd., David Lucey and Heidi will meet with the Franklin Town Selectboard and consider submitting a Better Back Roads grant proposal.

New Business

1. Sec. 319 Grant: When requesting funds from the 2010 Sec. 319 Grant, Jim Cameron will ask to change the grant cycle to a calendar year.
2. Insurance: Jim is currently soliciting quotes for General Liability and Workman's Comp. insurance policies. He is also soliciting a quote for a liability policy to cover board members and officers.
3. License Plate Watershed Grant: David Breed gave an overview of the requisites for the License Plate Watershed Grant. After discussion it was decided to request the grant money for the assessment and repair of three culverts on the lake.
4. Coordinator's Performance Review: The Board will meet on October 15, 2009 to evaluate the Coordinator's job performance during the past year.
5. Wagner Farm Manure Pit: Jim Cameron disclosed that Chris Wagner has applied to participate in a federal cost sharing program to improve his farm's manure pit. It was decided the FWC will monitor this process to determine if additional financial assistance is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Benevento, Secretary