

FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
July 23, 2009

Present: Jim Cameron, Larry Myott, Peter Benevento, David Breed, Dick Benton, Brendan O'Shea (In Part), Chris O'Shea (In Part), H. C. Rhodes, Carolyn Rhodes, Ruth Ann Kravesky, Lucille Rainville (In Part), Pauline Favreau, David Lucey, Susan Clark, Mike Monahan, H. B. Valenta, Paul Stanley

Jim Cameron called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. Jim informed everyone that a tape recorder was activated and that the proceedings were being taped.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 6-10-09 meeting were presented for approval. Larry Myott moved to accept the minutes. David Breed seconded the motion. A discussion ensued and statements that were deemed not accurate were stricken. Acceptance of the minutes was then passed.

The minutes of the 7-09-09 meeting were presented for approval. Sue Clark moved to accept the minutes. Dick Benton seconded the motion. A discussion ensued and statements that were deemed not accurate were stricken. Acceptance of the minutes was then passed.

Treasurer's Report

Sue Clark gave the Treasurer's Report. The balances in the Money Market and Checking Account are \$1,039.42 and \$569.92 respectively. Sue also discussed the anticipated receipt of Sec. 319 Grant Proceeds and stated that 12 Septic Tank Pump Outs received the \$50.00 rebate.

Letter of Resignation

Jim Cameron read a letter of resignation submitted by Director and former Treasurer, Pauline Favreau. Pauline's long standing association with the FWC and her contributions were acknowledged. Her work with the FWC will always be appreciated. Larry Myott moved to accept the letter of resignation with regrets. Howard Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion was carried. The resignation will be effective August 13, 2009.

Carmi Consulting

Brendan O'Shea presented an amended Stream Assessment Report prepared by his company Carmi Consulting. He also submitted a bill for \$740.00 for work conducted on the Stream Assessment, a VYCC Grant, and the Dewing Shore Stabilization. A discussion ensued concerning the Stream Assessment and whether it met the requirements of the Sec. 319 Grant. David Breed moved to pay the invoice and Sue Clark seconded the motion. Jim Cameron moved to amend the motion requesting that Rick Hopkins recommendations be incorporated into the Stream Assessment and that the bill be delineated to specifically show what amount pertains to the Stream Assessment. Dick Benton seconded the amended motion. The amended motion was carried. The original motion as amended to pay the invoice was then passed.

Outstanding Bills

A bill in the amount of \$202.00 for buffer seeding was submitted by Ron Paradis. The original amount allocated for this project was \$100.00. A discussion ensued pertaining to whether FWC should pay the actual bill or only the original amount allocated. Larry Myott made a motion to pay the \$100.00 originally allocated. Dick Benton seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

A bill submitted by an assistant to Brendan O'Shea for stream assessment work was discussed. Concern was expressed over the brevity and lack of description of the work performed. David Breed made a motion to pay the bill. The motion was seconded by Sue Clark. Larry Myott moved to amend the motion requesting that Heidi call the

assistant to have her more accurately describe the work performed and account for the hours worked. Dick Benton seconded the motion. The amended motion was carried. The original motion as amended to pay the bill was then carried.

Donation to Homestead

A discussion regarding a donation to the Franklin Homestead was tabled until the Annual Meeting on August 13, 2009.

Clean & Clear Program

Approximately \$400K to \$500K in grant money is available through the Clean & Clear Program. Grant applications must be submitted by the end of September. Heidi will contact Julie Moore of Clean & Clear to determine what types of grants are available to the FWC. Julie Moore is scheduled to make a presentation on the Clean & Clear Program at the Annual Meeting on August 13th. A committee will be formed after the Annual Meeting to determine what grants the FWC should pursue.

Vermont Youth Conservation Corp.

The VYCC will be available for two weeks to perform work within the watershed. Projects scheduled thus far are on Camp Rd., the Dewing Shore and the Mullen Shore. Howard Rhodes will manage the project on Camp Rd. and will pay for the materials. Peter Kittell will be asked to manage the project on Dewing Shore and the Town of Franklin will be asked to fund the material for the project since it is on a State road. In regards to the Mullen Shore project David Breed made a motion to give Heidi the authority to spend up to \$100.00 on seed. The motion was seconded by Larry Myott. The motion was carried.

It was discussed and determined that the FWC did not have enough projects to justify two weeks of work for the VYCC. Larry Myott made a motion for Heidi to contact the VYCC to inform them we can only commit to one week of work. Dick Benton seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

AmeriCorp Volunteer

A discussion on the application for the AmeriCorp volunteer was tabled until the Annual Meeting.

Nominating Committee

Larry Myott reported that the Nominating Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss candidates to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. Jim Cameron solicited nominees from the meeting participants. None came forward or were identified.

Weeds

It was discussed and determined that the Lake Carmi Camper's Assoc. will address the weed problem in Lake Carmi and will host a presentation on the same.

Septic / Shoreline Erosion Surveys

A workshop on the Septic / Shoreline Erosion Surveys will be conducted in late August. It was noted that Jim Cameron and Heidi were interviewed by Channel 15 on the subject.

Coordinator's Update

Heidi reported on the following:

1. Her presentation at the Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Annual Meeting of the Lake Carmi Camper's Assoc. was well received and generated much interest in FWC initiatives. Heidi was acknowledged by the group for a very informative presentation.

2. The NUVAC presentation will be held August 5th at the Franklin Homestead in the FELCO room. The presentation will begin at 5:00PM. A sign up sheet was distributed.
3. The FWC will be the subject of a show on the program Across the Fence. The taping will held on August 21, 2009. The show should be aired a few days later.

Larry Myott moved to adjourn the meeting. David Breed seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Benevento, Secretary