**The Franklin Watershed Committee**

**Minutes of June 21, 2018**

**7:00 P.M. FELCO Room, Franklin Homestead**

**Call to Order**

In Attendance: Hal Bill

Peter Benevento Steve Comeau

Marion Benevento Paul Stanley

Greg Tatro Rob Cormier

Judith McLaughlin Rob Evans (telephone)

Emily Porter Goff Al Perry

**Approval of the minutes and treasurer’s report**

The minutes of the May and June 2018 meetings were approved. The financial reports for May and June were also approved. A discussion was held of the current financial condition of the FWC. There is currently $ 32,788.27 available with no major expenses anticipated.

**Coordinators Report**

The coordinator provided an update on the current grants. She stated we have received an Agriculture grant of $30,000., over the next four years. This grant will help to support her salary. She stated that the boat greeter is currently doing an excellent job and she is looking into having him do additional work for the FWC. She also stated that she is researching an ERP Grant that could be used for improvements on Toll Neighborhood Road.

The coordinator stated that she is working on ERP grants to help improve private roads in the Lake Carmi watershed. She stated that there is a cost share involved in these grants and that the roads have to be bundled and all work requested in one grant. She asked Greg Tatro to review the prior road surveys that had been completed to see if they were viable.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

A discussion was held concerning the septic outreach. The literature for the outreach has to be printed and the envelopes stuffed for distribution. It will be necessary for volunteers to contact all camps and provide the information. The coordinator will research if there are any grants available to help with the septic outreach. Pete stated he will be meeting with the State Park relative to their new septic system.

The President stated he had toured the lake with Carolyn Alves, who had produced the current map of Lake Carmi. She explained that any structure on a lot would show as developed. She will make some slight changes to the map after viewing the actual area.

The President continued that the dam study will research ways to improve the function of the dam; however, the boards are there to stay.

There will be a TMDL meeting on July 19th at 4:30 to discuss the Crisis Response Plan. There is a draft of the Lake Carmi Action Plan available.

The State is conducting a ground water study and septic system study. The state will make the information from this study available to the Town. Several campers have volunteered to be part of this study at various points in the Lake.

Pete will be meeting with Jill Harps from the VT Law School to show her the Lake and explain the current issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectively Submitted,

Marion Benevento, Secretary, Treasurer