

**FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Franklin Homestead FELCO Room**  
**May 18, 2017**

**Participants:** John Barrows, Hal Bill, Steve Commeau, Bill Sorenson, Marion Benevento, Rob Cormier, Pete Benevento, Jean Elizabeth Shockley, Lucille Rainville, Larry Myott, Paul Stanley, Peter Magnant, Yvon Danderand

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Peter Mazurak of Trudell Consulting Engineers gave an overview of the Town Highway Garage Engineering Study. The purpose of the study is to identify a better means to channel storm runoff from the Town Highway Garage.

**Coordinator Report:** Jean Elizabeth gave the Coordinators Report.

- Applications for two grants are currently in process. The Windam Foundation Grant for environment enhancement & education (5K & 10K) and a Ben & Jerry's Grant for Capacity Building and Social Chang (30K & 25K).
- The Annual Ben & Jerry's Grant for 2K was submitted.
- An ERP Grant to complete the Camp Roads Inventory has begun.
- An ERP Grant thru the Clean Water Fund for municipal roads is forthcoming. Available grant money for private roads is 30K for the entire state.
- Water quality sampling for Lake Carmi and its tributaries will be ongoing this summer. The lake will be sampled weekly while the tributaries will be sampled biweekly.
- The Boat Greeter Program will begin Memorial Day weekend and continue until Labor Day weekend. John McHugh will once again be the Boat Greeter. John is scheduled to attend mandatory refresher training. An application has been submitted for a Special Use Permit to use the Fish & Wildlife Boat Launch at the north end beach.
- The annual FNLC Tyler Place Dinner is scheduled for Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Jean Elizabeth plans to attend.
- The Take a Stake in the Lake Program is scheduled for Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Albans Bay from 4-7 PM.
- The final report for the Lake Wise Program Grant will be submitted by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Six camps will receive Lake Wise Awards and six will receive Lake Wise Certificates.
- The Lake Champlain Sea Grant Program will host three workshops at Lake Carmi during July & August. The first workshop will be planting native plants. The second will concern lake shore erosion control. The third workshop will focus on creating Rain Gardens. The workshops will be limited to 25 participants.
- Tree planting at the North Beach near the Boat Launch was completed last month. It was also a featured story in the S.A. Messenger.

- A presentation of the new FWC Weebly Website was made. The new website cost is \$8.00 per month.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held April 20<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marion gave the Treasurer's Report.

- Expenses for the month of April totaled \$277.00. The checkbook balance is currently \$20,488.74.
- Money from the Lake Wise Program will be forthcoming upon submission of the Lake Wise Final Grant Report.
- Pete made a motion to add John Barrows as a signer on the FWC Checking Account at Peoples United Bank. Hal seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Bill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Hal seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Presidents Report:** John gave the President's Report.

- Bids are currently being accepted for the Swamp Rd. Grant which will improve the operation of three culverts on Swamp Rd. Landscaping and work on the culverts' inlets and outlets will be completed. The grant will also include the installation of a rain garden near the Favereau Storage Units.
- The ERP Grant to implement projects identified in the first camp roads inventory grant is ongoing. Five potential work sites on the Westcott-Mullen Shore have been identified. Owner approval has been received. The projects will be initiated upon approval of the grant manager.
- Hal is in the process of arranging a presentation on birding. Hal hopes to have Bridget Butler, a local bird authority known as the "Bird Diva", conduct the presentation. The program will focus on the relation of birds to Lake Carmi and what they do for the watershed.

Peter Magnant, Chair of the Franklin Selectboard gave an update on the weed harvester. Peter stated that the original engine was not sufficient to propel the harvester and that a new 40hp engine has been installed. He also stated three operators will be piloting the harvester this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35. The Board then went into Executive Session until 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted: Peter Benevento, Secretary.

