**The Franklin Watershed Committee**

**Minutes of April 19, 2018**

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

**Call to Order**

In Attendance: Hal Bill

Peter Benevento (on phone) Casey Robinson

Marion Benevento (on phone) Judith McLaughlin

Emily Porter Goff Rob Cormier

Rob Evans Pat Hayes

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

The minutes of March 22, 2018 meeting and treasurer’s report for April were approved. The April expenses totaled $1,627.45. The checkbook balance reported for the period ending April 18 was $35,335.19. It was reported that the FWC received a donation from Northrup Grumman Corp in the amount of $5,000.00

**Coordinators Report**

The coordinator reported that we have received a LaRosa Grant totaling $7,335.00 for data analysis and follow up to the work performed at the Kittel Pond. Additionally, we are applying for an ERP Grant to complete work on the Toll Neighborhood Road. The coordinator asked all board members to track their hours to be used in various grant requirements for like kind match.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

The President stated that the FWC should conduct a septic social and conduct outreach. It was suggested that all camps be contacted and the FWC offer dye tablets for testing of the septics. It was also suggested that all camps be encouraged to test their systems and that the FWC investigate the possibility of grant money to help fix septic problems if they arise. The board voted to conduct the above activities.

A discussion was held concerning legislative bills 260 and 730. It was stated that it appears the Legislature is leaning towards combining the two bills. It was stated that we must keep pressure on the Legislature to get these bills passed.

It was suggested that we invite Heather Darby and Laura Di Pietro to a FWC meeting to answer questions concerning their testimony before the Legislature relative to these bills.

The president stated he believes the State is planning projects on the Marsh Brook but we don’t have any information. When the contracts are awarded the information may become available.

The president advised there is a meeting on the Dam issue on May 7th. Additionally, we need to follow up on our potential legal issues and keep pursuing the Phosphorus Reduction Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectively Submitted,

Marion Benevento, Secretary, Treasurer