

Corinth Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2013

Present: Anne Mc Kinsey, Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick; Earl Adams, Anne Margolis

Anne McKinsey chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:11.

1. The minutes from the February 4 meeting were reviewed. Anne McKinsey moved to accept the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Frank remitted \$484 from past bottle proceeds. Anne Margolis will bring this and other past receipts to Susan ASAP, after which point she will generate a treasurer's report.
3. Guest Becky Buchanan, Green Up Coordinator, discussed plans for this year's Green Up Day. She is trying to touch base with Emily Rowe about last year's activities. She has also printed out materials from the website. Becky wondered if we wanted to have donations of prizes again this year. Another idea is to have refreshments at the recycling center. Becky was wondering about the bags. Becky will see if Emily has last year's map, and can possibly come to town meeting for people to sign up. Otherwise, she will work on having a map and bags available the week before Green Up Day at the transfer station. She will also try to get something written up for the early May newsletter, and she'll also talk with Rik Sheridan about getting something on the town website.
4. Schedule for picking up bottles at the transfer station for the next few weeks:

Mar 9	Gabe
Mar 16	Ginny
Mar 23	Anne Margolis
Mar 30	Anne McKinsey
Apr 6	Frank
5. Linda reported that she put a bunch of old bags back at the transfer station for reuse, and she recommends using these first, prior to using new bags (unless they're getting really holey).
6. Anne McKinsey reported that VPIRG has asked for us to come to their next meeting to provide a testimonial about how bottles help support the Town of Corinth's conservation commission. The meeting is Tuesday, March 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Pavilion Auditorium. ANR is studying whether to repeal, maintain, or expand the bill. Anne Margolis will try to attend to report, "We collect recycled bottles for the Conservation Commission, and we receive most of our funding that way – about \$2,000 per year. We use the proceeds for programs and activities, including loons, bears, wild edibles, tree planting, trail creation/maintenance/brochures/signs, invasive species, and bats." The name of the VPIRG contact is: Ruth Shafer, 802-275-7959; ruth.shafer@gmail.com.
7. Charlie Berger's talk will be Friday evening. Ginny wants someone to introduce him – she will provide a statement. Linda will remind Ginny to bring the collection bottle to Friday night, since the turnout will probably be good.
8. Anne Margolis shared info from the TRORC newsletter about the Transcanada CT River Dam relicensing open public comments period. She also shared UVLT's letter regarding the Speer property that may be up for sale on Coppermine Rd. and which has conservation value. The land is between Rostens and Thomases, and close to (but not touching) the town forest. Bryce Thomas would be the likeliest candidate. Anne will ask Ginny what she thinks in terms of talking to the Thomas family or the Rosten family about purchasing the land.
9. We discussed our town meeting budget request. Earl mentioned that Kevin Eaton on Rte. 25 lost some streambank in Irene. We discussed the possibility of doing streambank planting there to help stabilize the bank. We could also do more development of the Roaring Ridge trail, including more signs and maps in addition to the panorama. Also, there are opportunities to expand the Clement Loop trail. And, the bottle bill could be abolished, eliminating our income streams. Additionally, we would need a source of matching funds to apply for grants. Finally, it is a show of support for the town for having a conservation commission. Frank shared that Val Stori is working on a management plan for the town forest – another area we might be asked to help provide support.
10. The April 1 meeting will be chaired by Earl Adams.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 by consensus after a motion by Anne Margolis which was seconded by Linda.

Minutes taken by Anne Margolis