

Corinth Conservation Commission
MINUTES: April 1, 2013

Present: Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick, Gabe Zoerhide, Earl Adams, Anne McKinsey

Guest: Rebecca Buchanan, Green Up Coordinator, discussed details of Green Up Day and stayed for the duration of the meeting.

Earl Adams chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:10pm.

1. APPROVE MINUTES: The minutes from the March 4 meeting were discussed. Earl Adams moved to accept the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. GREEN UP DAY: Becky Buchanan discussed numerous details with board members as follows: Becky has created a Green Up announcement flyer for posting in various public places. Bags will be delivered to the Town Hall a week or two before May 4. Linda Tobin will be present at the transfer station on April 27 to hand out bags to Corinth residents. Bags will also be available at the Town Hall and possibly at the Corinth post offices (if allowed). We will also try to remind people to use their leftover bags from last year. Concern was voiced that we could possibly run short of bags, in which case, presumably Casella Waste will accept clear plastic bags or even bags simply marked as 'green up day.' Becky will contact Casella to check on their time schedule as last year the rubbish truck driver left an hour earlier than planned. Frank Roderick recommended that, to avoid confusion, we simply leave the closing time as 1:00pm as people would likely not come between 1pm and 2pm anyway. Becky mentioned that she would like to have refreshments offered at the transfer station on April 27 and/or May 4. Raffle tickets will be given as usual on May 4. Board members offered suggestions on raffle prizes and Becky will check with Norm Collette to see if he approves of handing out the prizes at the Cookeville Café in May. It was suggested that Becky post a notice on the LRN listserv inviting people to offer a raffle prize (products or services). A list of 1-hour time slots for the Green Up table (May 4 at the transfer station) was passed around and partially completed.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: There were no items to report.
4. BOTTLE ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments were made as follows:
 - April 6: Frank Roderick
 - April 13: Linda Tobin
 - April 20: Gabe Zoerhide
 - April 27: Earl Adams
 - May 4 (Green Up Day): Anne McKinsey and Ginny Barlow
5. DESIGNATE MAY CHAIRPERSON: Gabe Zoerhide offered to chair May's meeting.
6. POSSIBLE LAND TRUST MEMBER VISIT: This item was not discussed.
7. TRAILS MAINTENANCE: All members decided to postpone discussion until May's meeting as the trails are too muddy and icy. Linda and Anne agreed to walk and assess the Clement Loop Trail once it has dried out.
8. OTHER PROGRAMS: Anne McK mentioned that the NH Humanities Council, through its Humanities to Go program, offers countless speakers who can be hired for presentations (for Vermont locations). She drew attention to the author of *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn* and suggested hiring him to give a talk. It was decided that this topic would fall more into the realm of the Corinth Hist Society and that Norm Collette be contacted. All agreed that the CCC is happy to work together with the Corinth Hist Society on programs such as this (e.g., the CCC to offer the speaker's fee).
9. OTHER BUSINESS: It was mentioned that it would be good to plan for ways of spending Commission funds. One suggestion was to create a plan for enticing people to recycle, which would undoubtedly require the use of funds. Enticement could take the form of penalizing people for not recycling, but a reward incentive typically produces a better result, e.g., rewarding people for bringing recyclables. The zero-sort method is a good start as it makes recycling very easy. There was a suggestion that we purchase plastic recycling bins to give to Corinth residents to be an encouragement for them to recycle. Nothing was voted on.

It was noted that the Commission has no forthcoming scheduled events. For Corinth250, there was a suggestion that the Commission offer a trail walk day at Clement Loop as the area has an interesting history.

Gabe Zoerhide noted his new email address, effective immediately: zoerhei@hotmail.com

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by consensus after a motion by Earl Adams, which was seconded by Linda.

Minutes taken by Anne McKinsey