

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: February 3, 2014 (unapproved)

Present: Anne Margolis, Earl Adams, Frank Roderick, Gabe Zoerheide, Linda Tobin, Glynn Pellagrino, Anne McKinsey. Guests: Marian Cawley and Rebecca Buchanan. The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:00 p.m.

Frank confirmed that Glynn is an official member of the Commission now.

The January minutes were reviewed. Frank Roderick moved to accept the draft minutes as presented. Glynn Pellagrino seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The bottle schedule was decided as follows:

2/8: Virginia Barlow

2/15: Glynn Pellagrino

2/22: Anne Margolis

3/1: Anne McKinsey

Frank said he brought in \$123 in bottle proceeds to Susan Fortunati. He also related that the ladies at the redemption center has asked that we don't bring in entirely full bags, as they are too heavy.

Rebecca (Becky) Buchanan, the Green-Up Day Coordinator, discussed logistics for this year. Peter Allen will print out a new town road map, which will be available on Town Meeting Day for signups, along with a plea and instructions for how to sign up. Linda and Becky will tag team manning the sign that day. Becky will contact the ATV folks who helped out on Brook Rd. a few years ago to see if they will do that again. She'll also contact Lynn Murphy at the school, and her fellow Topsham Green Up coordinators. There won't be a raffle this year, unless somebody else wants to take on that work. The Commission discussed how the bags will be disposed of and paid for; last year, Joe Blodgett took them up to Casella, and the Selectboard paid the expenses. Frank will check with Joe about doing this again, and if the Selectboard is unable to provide the reimbursement, the Commission will do so.

The Commission discussed events. Linda, Marian, and Glynn would like to participate in the afternoon Alcott Smith tracking session. Marian will check with her neighbor, Cheryl Needleman, about going on her property. Linda spoke with Peggy Fogg regarding a wild edibles walk in May. Peggy is happy to do this and also recommended a wildflower expert from Washington. Linda has not heard back from John Sutton about a bird walk nor Randy McFarline about a bluebird house building event.

The Commission also continued to discuss the idea of a local farm tour. Gabe spoke with the Chamber of Commerce about their interest, and has approval to spend a portion of his time on organization of the tour. The Chamber would like to event to cover a number of towns, on both

sides of the Connecticut River, but there is also some wisdom in keeping the event small (at least for the first year). The Loftuses are interested in participating, and would prefer the event be in June. The Mattoxes are also interested, but would prefer something earlier in the spring. Frank The Fontaines are not interested this year. There was discussion about an associated sustainability discussion. At some point, sponsorship funds from the Commission will be helpful.

Anne Margolis said that she is resigning from the Commission as of the March 2014 meeting, and asked members to consider which roles they are willing to play going forward prior to the next meeting (chair, vice chair, treasurer, and secretary). Gabe said he would be vice chair.

Linda Tobin moved to adjourn. Frank Roderick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be March 3.

Conservation Commission Agenda Monday, March 3, 2014

1. Approve minutes from February 3
2. Bottle Assignments
3. Green Up Day
4. Events
5. Finances
6. Roles & responsibilities
7. Other Business