

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: March 3, 2014 (approved)

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

The February minutes were reviewed. Frank Roderick moved to accept the draft minutes as presented. Gabe Zoerheide seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Ginny gave a report on the proposed community apple orchard behind the town hall. There is a matching grant application from the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program, Upper Valley Apple Corps, which Ginny left with Glynn Pellagrino. The application is due April 11. Some discussion followed about what might be good trees to plant in terms of ease of care and productivity. Frank asked if the Selectboard had been consulted, because some of the property in question has been set aside for parking expansion.

The bottle schedule was decided as follows:

3/8: Linda Tobin

3/15: Ginny Barlow

3/22: Gabe Zoerheide

3/29: Marian Cawley

Frank collected \$162 in bottle proceeds and will give them to Susan Fortunati. It was estimated that the CCC is collecting on average \$150/month.

Anne McKinsey asked why the CCC isn't automatically in the town budget. Frank explains that because we have a dedicated fund, we'll always be an article. A dedicated fund carries over any surplus from year to year rather than losing it to the general fund. We ask the town for \$250 as a general appropriation to demonstrate town support for the organization.

Future activities were discussed. The tracking workshops with Alcott Smith were rescheduled for 3/8 at 9:00 and 2:00. Linda Tobin will ask Randy McFarline if 3/29 would work as a date for his bluebird house workshop and will check with Ginny to see if she has contacts at VINS who might give a brief presentation on bluebird habits/habitat. Linda will also confirm availability of the Town Hall for that date. Anne McKinsey will advertise on the LRN and make a poster. / Linda also spoke with John Sutton, who wants to do three birding classes covering different habitats. Possible dates and details will be discussed at our April meeting. Anne Margolis suggested contacting the Fairlee Conservation Commission to see if they'd like to participate in the one on Lake Morey. / Linda will talk to Peggy Fogg about future wildflower and wild edibles workshops. / Gabe suggested putting off farm tour till late summer or fall, but says it should still be scheduled by mid-April if it is going to happen.

Ginny and Tania Aebi will urethane the Roaring Ridge sign and drill holes for hanging it. Glynn made a motion to amend to \$511.41 the amount to reimburse Tania. Linda Tobin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Anne Margolis presented the CCC financial statement. It was suggested that copies of the minutes from the last 6 meetings should be sent to Rik Sheridan to add to the Town Web site.

New roles and responsibilities were decided as follows:

Frank Roderick: Chairperson for one year. (Glynn P. says he should be able to take over in the fall.)

Gabe Zoerheide: Vice chair

Linda Tobin: treasurer

Marian Cawley: secretary

Current chairperson Anne Margolis passed the white binder on to future chairperson Frank Roderick. / Gabe Zoerheide asked if there is a cap on the number of CCC members. The cap is 9. Frank Roderick suggested that perhaps the Town Forest Committee and the CCC could join forces.

Linda Tobin moved to adjourn and Glynn Pellagrino seconded. Motion passed unanimously, and meeting adjourned at 8:30.