

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: December 1, 2014 (unapproved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Glynn Pellagrino, Gabe Zoerheide

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:10 p.m.

Agenda additions: Invoice from Cohase; Monetary support from town (for Annual Report); Merger with Town Forest Committee

Approval of minutes: September minutes were approved unanimously. (Gabe moved, Frank seconded.)

Public Comment: None

Bottles: Marian collected \$106 from Redemption Center in September and gave it to Susan Fortunati. Boxes of new bags are located inside front door of Northern Woodlands building. Ginny submitted invoice for \$54 to cover the cost of the bags.

Bottle duty for November (no meeting in November): 11/22, Frank; 11/15, Earl; 11/8, Glynn; 11/29, Marian

Bottle duty for December: 12/6: Linda; 12/13: Gabe; 12/20: Glynn; 12/27: Earl; 1/3/2015: Marian

Apple Orchard: No news. Need to know whether trees were wrapped (against rodents).

Farm Tour report (Gabe): The tour went well, but most of the activity was in our area (Bradford, Corinth, Topsham). Definitely a go for next year. Eleven (11) farms participated, representing Bradford, Topsham, Corinth, Newbury, Haverhill, Orford, and Piermont. The original plan was to keep it pretty local, which would probably have been better, but the participants were generally happy with the turnout.

Town Forest Committee: Originally established to get the forest plan up and running. The plan is near completion now – essentially to develop an uneven-aged forest. The Selectboard would like things to be wrapped up by June 2015, at which point the TFC and CCC will merge into one, as planned. Current members of the TFC are Frank, Dina Dubois, Kevin Eaton, and Courtney Haynes (from Washington, VT). Val Stori would also like to become a member.

Future Events: *Roaring Ridge winter hike/snowshoe*. Date set for Saturday, January 31, 2015, at 6:00 pm. Snow date March 7. Snacks will be provided. Details to be discussed at next meeting.

Proposed future events: *Roots School presentation*. For now, just an idea. / Winter tracking workshop with Alcott Smith.

Monetary support from town: We will again ask the Town for \$250 as a show of support. Our activities aren't costly for the most part. The apple orchard is covered by a grant. The CCC has picked up the expenses of Green-Up Day, which may be a reason to ask for a little bit more. There was some discussion about becoming involved in conservation easements, as is done by the Bradford Conservation Commission. This would require more money, but would be a good move politically for the Town long term.

Treasurer Report: Linda did have meetings with Susan and Anne Margolis and will be setting up a system. She will submit her report at our next meeting.

Action items: Linda will approach the Roots School about doing some kind of presentation. / Marian will approach Alcott Smith about doing a tracking workshop. / Frank will submit Cohase invoice to Susan Fortunati (this is the money CCC agreed to allocate for the Farm Tour). / Frank will write a paragraph for the Town Report talking about what CCC has accomplished this year, so that we can be on the warning to ask the town for money to support our efforts

New business: Consider belonging to Vermont Trails and Greenways (Nancy Ertle sent CCC members a brochure about this.) They have quarterly meetings. It was decided unanimously that we would join for a year on a trial basis. (Linda moved, Frank seconded.)

Next meeting: January 5, 2015, at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 (Glynn moved, Gabe seconded).