

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: February 5, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Ginny Barlow (visiting), Bill Tobin (visiting)

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

February minutes were approved unanimously. (Frank moved, Linda seconded.)

Agenda changes: Bill Tobin asked if he could do a brief treasurer's report. / Ginny wanted to mention two invoices for orchard supplies, which will be submitted at a later date. / Agenda was rearranged to accommodate Bill's request, so that he could be finished before our scheduled visit from the Roots School representatives

Treasurer's Report: Bill presented a spread-sheet statement of account for FY 2014-15. Our accounting was off by \$92.87, which he added to the spread-sheet as an expense. Some discussion followed about whether this might have represented long-standing petty cash that we finally turned in to Town treasurer Susan Fortunati. Ginny commented that there should be a separate accounting for orchard expenses because of the grant (although they will of course have to be included in the general accounting as well). Other items that need to be reconciled in our accounting: 1) the lost gift certificate donated by Susanne Roderick. Glynn called Brown's Plant Nursey who said that they DO keep track of gift certificates and who wins them but that they need precise dates, which we did not have. 2) \$250 allocated to the Cohase Farm Tour, which has not cleared yet. This is still in the W9 phase. Gabe has filled out the form and will submit to Susan F. Bill suggested that in the future the treasurer should be the person to pick up the bottle money each month before the end of the month, and this was informally adopted as policy.

Roots School: At 7:30 pm, we had a visit from Brad and Sarah, who presented some of the items they have made at their school on Bear Notch Road. The school was founded in East Calais with the goal of building connections to make people care about environmental issues. They moved their operations to Bear Notch Road a couple years ago. The school offers classes for both adults and children, as well as summer camps, and what they call Roots Rendezvous, where several small classes/workshops are offered at once and the public can come and participate to find out what it's all about. Mention was made of Nick Neddo, who played a big role in the founding of the school and now lives here in town. His name had come up as a possible future presenter. Brad and Sarah might be willing to do a presentation as well – perhaps at WRVS? Or at the Town Hall? In addition, Frank (with his Town Forest committee hat on) asked if they might do a tracking or wild-plant workshop at the Town Forest. This would give them some exposure and would be a treat for local families. Their email address is info@rootsvt.com.

Apple Orchard: We have more trees coming at the end of April. At our next meeting, we'll set a date for planting and make a list of volunteers to contact. Mowing: we may hire Jeremy Flye to do this once a month to save Dan (Wing) from having to do it all the time. Dan might still be willing to help during the heavy mowing period in late spring-early summer. For the long term, we should probably add this to the budget. Frank made a motion to reimburse Ginny \$120 for lime and \$30 for mowing. Marian seconded and the motion passed unanimously. For grant purposes, we need to be more specific about revenues and donations. Ginny will produce accounting of trees – she has paid for them already.

Bottles: Glynn collected \$101 in January and has submitted that to Susan F.

Bottle duty: 2/7, Marian; 2/14, Frank; 2/21, Earl; 2/28, Gabe

Town Meeting: Frank wrote up a paragraph detailing what the CCC has accomplished this year and has submitted it to the Committee that produces the Town Report. This same paragraph can be sent to the Upper Valley Land Trust folks for their comprehensive list of what Vermont conservation commissions are offering to their towns.

Green Up: We should plan on picking up the expense for this again. The State provides bags, but last year there was a glitch with this, and Frank ended up using the Town dump truck to transport bottles, cans, and trash in bulk – which costs less than by the bag. Our stipend from the Town (\$250) nearly covered this expense.

Events: **Roaring Ridge full-moon trail hike:** Eight people ended up showing. It was super cold that night, which may account for the low attendance, but we did have two new Corinthians from Corinth Corners.

Future events: **Tracking with Alcott Smith:** Marian spoke with Alcott. He will do essentially what he did last March, a morning and an afternoon workshop (9-12 am and 1-4 pm, with lunch provided from 11 to 12). Marian will advertise this on the LRN the week of 2/8-2/15, and Glynn will re-post a week later. People who want to sign up will contact Glynn.

Next meeting will take place on 3/2 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 (Marian moved, Frank seconded).