

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: June 1, 2015 (unapproved)

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

Present from the community: Ginny Barlow

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:09 p.m.

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

Agenda changes: Ginny wanted to submit an update on the community apple orchard, as follows.

Ginny brought copies of the grant and her expense report. In 2014, we spent just under \$700 of the grant moneys allotted to us (total \$2000). We have through December 2016 to spend the rest of the money. Around \$360 has been spent so far in 2015 (stakes, mulch, and fertilizer). We will need to buy fencing to supplement what's left over from fencing the first 10 trees.

Glynn made a motion to approve up to \$500 more for maintenance. Marian seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mowing so far has been voluntary, thanks to Dan Wing and Hal Drury. A watering schedule has been established for June, and Marian will update it in July. Louise Graf offered to prune.

Bottles: *We will look into clamps of some kind to hold the bags in place in the trash cans, as some of the cans are too big to stretch the bags over.*

Bottle duty: 6/6, Linda; 6/13, Ginny; 6/20, Marian; 6/27, Frank; 7/4, Gabe

Apple Orchard: *Holes have been dug by Tom Loftus and there is one pile of manure for fertilizing. All but two of the trees have arrived (the final two are coming from a small Vermont operation). Ginny plans to get a truckload of bark mulch and will also talk to Bob Sandberg about compost. We are ready to plant and mulch as many trees as we have on May 9.*

Trail maintenance: Ginny and Marian will hike Clement Loop to see how much maintenance is called for. Based on their findings we will set a maintenance date for 7/11 with a rain date of 7/12. *Marian will send out LRN notices about trail maintenance dates: a save-the-date notice as soon as recon has taken place, and at least 2 notices in the two weeks before 7/11.*

New members: *Marian and Glynn both talked with Brad Wheeler. Marian will follow up with him and will also revisit the subject with Kevin Buchanan.* The Town Forest plan is mostly complete, with a section on silviculture to add as an appendix. The Town Forest Committee (TFC) will automatically merge with the CCC (those who wish to), probably by the end of the summer. CCC can have up to 9 members. With the Town Forest Committee, we will be up to either 8 or 9, depending on who among the TFC decide to continue as CCC members.

Future events: Summer workshop possibilities suggested were wild edibles (maybe with the Roots School people this time), critical habitat identification, someone to speak on current use, and the state of farming/agriculture in Vermont. Current use would be a better event for the winter months. Glynn will ask Kenya Spiegel and Seth (Kenya's husband) if they'd be interested in talking about their farming

operation and how it fits into the bigger picture. They have an interest in and lots of experience with permaculture.

Next meeting will take place on 7/6 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 (Linda moved, Frank seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Cawley