

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: October 5, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Linda Tobin, Kimberly Hotelling (waiting approval from Selectboard), Kevin Buchanan (also waiting for approval)

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

Added agenda items: Revisit riparian buffer discussion / ideas for future programs

Minutes: September minutes were reviewed by Glynn and approved unanimously (Glynn moved, Linda seconded).

Public comment: Dina Dubois, from the Town Forest Committee, visited to talk about posting of events on the Town Web Site. We have not done this, at least in the last year and a half or so, and it's a great idea. Dina will talk to Anne McKinsey (the Web Site Coordinator) about the cost of posting a couple of photos vs. a slide show and will ask if Anne could come and address the CCC, perhaps at our next meeting. Events and pictures could also be posted on Facebook – Jen Spanier is willing to do this as a community service.

New members: Kevin Buchanan has agreed to serve as a CCC member beginning in October. Kimberly would also like to join the Commission. Her name and Kevin's will be submitted to the Selectboard as prospective new members. Dina may join us as well when the Town Forest Committee wraps up their business.

Action items: *Marian will post another notice in the LRN about Ted Levin's upcoming presentation and will ask Anne McKinsey to post it on the Corinth Web Site. / Glynn will ask Anne Bergeron if she could make a poster for the event. / Glynn will send email to the Selectboard asking them to add appointment of Kimberly and Kevin to the CCC to their agenda*

Ted Levin talk: Posters are needed pronto for the event. Perhaps we can use an illustration from Ted's soon-to-be-published book, as well as a photo of Ted (there's one already on the Town Web Site from a Town Forest event). Brad will hang some posters in Barre, and other MC members will hang them locally. Brad, Marian, and Glynn will arrive early on 10/15 to set up the hall (Ted will be there early as well), and Brad will bring his video camera and tripod to the event.

Future projects/events: Glynn spoke to Bessie and Bob Sandberg about doing a presentation on their compost operation and they were very receptive – we need to set a date for this, probably in the winter.

Ideas for other future projects/events: Possible talks by Didi Piershouse about soil conservation and by Steve Long regarding the hurricane of 1938 (his book will be published in spring of 2016, and he would prefer to wait till after publication to make a presentation so that he can offer the book for sale to community members). / Possible full-moon snowshoe hike, like last winter (hopefully warmer than last winter's!) / Possible late fall program about Japanese knotweed and its healing powers (proactive treatment of an invasive species!) by Kimberly Hotelling (this would have to happen sometime in the next few weeks, before the ground freezes hard, since we would be digging the roots. / Possible presentation on the demise of honeybees and bumblebees.

Bottles: Linda talked about the procedure for picking up and redeeming bottles for the benefit of both Kimberly and Kevin. / Brad gave Linda \$20 from the Barre redemption center, where he redeemed the bottles from his last bottle duty (the actual amount was \$16 and change, but he didn't want change). Linda collected \$183.30 from the Bradford Redemption Center and has submitted it to Susan Fortunati for our coffers.

Bottle duty: 10/10, Linda; 10/17, Brad; 10/24, Glynn; 10/31, Kevin; 11/7, Frank.

Cookeville Mall: Glynn hasn't caught up with Ginny or Margaret yet, but will. Mall hours are currently 9-12 from May 1 to November 1, and 10-11 from November 1 to May 1 (checked this with Ginny).

Riparian buffer follow-up: Brad spoke to Gary Bicknell about his property along the Waits River. Gary was somewhat reluctant to give up any productive land, and in any event doesn't think planting trees in the area along the river would work in his case because of how steep the descent to the river is. Brad contacted Mary Childs (White River Conservation District) and is waiting to hear back from her. There was some discussion about reimbursement for the approximate acre that would be buffered. NRCS does this, so we may put them in touch with Gary. / He also checked out (by sight) the land owned by the Carters and noted that there is an old car (etc?) dump there. While this doesn't really fall under the category of a potential buffer zone, it is no doubt affecting water quality. Brad will speak to Dan Carter about organizing a clean-up there.

Next meeting: November 2, 2015, at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 (Glynn moved, Linda seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Cawley