

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: January 4, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Brad Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan (awaiting appointment; arrived 7:30), Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick

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

Minutes from December 7, 2015 unanimously approved (Frank moved, Brad seconded).

Action items: Marian will make poster for square dance

Brad will make LRN announcement for square dance

Marian will follow up with Linda about the space issue and possible change of venue

Marian will call Alcott Smith about doing a tracking walk in March

Marian will forward Dina's email re Cookeville Mall to rest of members

February square dance: Linda had raised by phone with Marian the possibility of changing the square dance venue to the Town Hall because we think the acoustics might be better here, and she asked for the approximate dimensions of the space. We paced them off as about 25 x 60 ft, but noting that there are 3 large posts in the room. Linda will decide whether this will work. Brad is awaiting final confirmation from Waits River Valley School that 2/6/2016 beginning set-up at 5:30 will be ok. The Town may be able to add WRVS to their insurance policy to cover this event. Brad has contacted Susan Fortunati about this but has not received a response.

Orchard: Approximately \$1000 is left of our grant money. This will be spent on mowing, pruning, organic pesticides, manure, and mulch. Brad raised the possibility of adding some beehives, to be discussed with Ginny Barlow. A brief discussion ensued about mowing a path from the parking lot to the orchard; Frank noted that there may be a new access to the field from the corner of the parking lot because of the new leach field. Dan Wing would prefer that access NOT be through his back yard.

Cookeville Mall: temporarily closed. Ginny and Amy may clear some stuff out. For now, we plan to reopen in April or May. Dina had offered, by email to Marian, to be of some assistance. Marian will forward the email to the group.

Composting-law forum: Glynn has talked with Bob Sandberg, who would be interested in doing this. It would be good to have, in addition, perhaps someone from the ANR. No date was discussed.

Other possible events: Talk about renewable energy (Howie Michaelson was mentioned as someone who is a professional solar installer, both residential and commercial). Feds have renewed the solar/wind incentives for 5 years. We might discuss the possibility of a large-scale wind or solar project.

Town Forest Committee: Forest management plan will be turned over to the Select Board at their February meeting. This committee was an ad hoc undertaking to make and label trails and draw up a silvicultural plan. There are now 2-3 miles of trails, all marked. CCC will add these trails to their trail-maintenance projects.

Bottles: Brad gave Glynn \$25.15 from the Barre redemption center to pass on to Linda at next meeting.

Bottle duty: 1/9, Linda/Brad; 1/16, Kevin; 1/23, Marian; 1/30, Frank

Next meeting: February 1, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 (Marian moved, Frank seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley