

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: February 1, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Brad Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan (arrived 7:30), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes from January 4, 2016 unanimously approved (Frank moved, Linda seconded).

Action items for square dance:

Brad will bring a water jug and lights (for decoration)

Linda will bring juice, popcorn, napkins, chips, reflectors (for the driveway), and tape

Marian and Becky will make cookies and Marian will bring a jar of salsa

Glynn will bring crackers, maybe tea, and some information about our group

Action items for tracking workshop with Alcott:

Marian will call Alcott to confirm and will start LRN posts this week

Marian will speak to Anne McKinsey about posting on the Town Web Site.

Linda and Toby will send emails to our email list

Other action items: Marian will speak to Becky Buchanan about being on the 3/7 meeting agenda re Green-Up

Conservation Commission laws: Frank distributed copies of the section on conservation commissions in the Vermont statutes, which gives a summary of the types of things we can participate in.

Square dance on 2/6: Brad stopped by WRBS and dropped off our certificate of insurance (we are piggybacking on the Town policy (League of Cities and Towns has a group insurance policy). He confirmed with the custodian (Perry) that we can start setting up at 5:00. Al will arrive at 6:30. For set-up, we'll need a table on stage for Al Monty, a table or 2 for attendees, and chairs along the sidelines. We'll also have a table with info about the CCC, perhaps some pictures and the summary of what we've done over the last couple years, which Glynn has already submitted to Nancy Ertle/Lynn Sciortino for the town report. We can include info about future events – the tracking workshop with Alcott Smith and Steve Long's talk about his book. Brad has a key to the building and a phone number for Perry.

Tracking workshop with Alcott Smith: Marian spoke to Alcott by phone and settled on Saturday, March 12 as the day for his tracking workshops. As previously, there will be one in the morning (9-12) and one in the afternoon (1-4), with lunch served at the Town Hall in between. Participants will meet at the Town Hall. We have not yet determined exact locations for the workshops, but Alcott has requested that they be different from each other and different from last year's. Possible locations are the Cawleys' wetlands, Glynn and Anne's (pretty steep going, though), Ginny's, and Brad's. Jen and John Spanier had at one time expressed an interest in people coming to their place – Marian will talk to them about how much wildlife they see there and whether this is a possibility.

Steve Long's book talk: Glynn and Steve settled on March 19 as the date for this, with the exact time yet to be determined. This will include a power-point presentation. Steve will have some books available and would like to have a Q&A and refreshments afterward.

Composting-law forum: Tabled for now. The law doesn't go into full effect until 2020, so we have time to set something up.

Other possible events: Talk about renewable energy and perhaps large-scale wind/solar project. Howie Michaelson is in the business and might speak to this (he's on his own now, no longer with Catamount). Some other names were raised – David Hooke (as representative of large-scale solar project plan in Vershire)

Town Forest: Now has visible boundaries – red dots on 2 sides of border trees. Management plan is nearly done. There's a kiosk, parking, and three color-coded trails with directional signs at intersections.

Bottles: Linda gave \$91 and \$25 to Susan. She still has \$41 to submit.

Bottle duty: 2/6, Glynn; 2/13, Brad; 2/20, Linda; 2/27, Kevin; 3/5, Kimberly

Next meeting: March 7, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 (Frank moved, Glynn seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley