

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: April 4, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick. **Guest:** Ginny Barlow

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:12 p.m.

Agenda additions: Ginny came to discuss apple orchard maintenance

Minutes from March 7, 2016 unanimously approved (Frank moved, Glynn seconded).

Action items:

Marian will set up a watering schedule for the summer.

Marian will connect with Kevin Gardner about doing his stone wall talk in Corinth in the fall.

Marian will hike Roaring Ridge trail to see if it needs any maintenance work.

Glynn will hike Clement Loop trail to see if it needs any maintenance work.

Linda will speak to Peggy Willey about a wild edibles workshop

Linda will speak to John Sutton about doing another bird walk.

Orchard: We need to buy a new pear tree to replace the one that died – a Summer Crisp. Luise Graf has volunteered to do some pruning. She will probably need at least one other person there to help hold the fences away from the trees while she prunes. Glynn thinks there is not much grant money left, but our only expenses should be fencing the orchard when the trees outgrow their current enclosures; mowing; manure/fertilizer; and mulch. We approved Ginny purchasing Progro, mulch, and a new pear tree. Newer trees will need to be watered during the warmer/dryer months; older trees also if it gets really dry. Ginny volunteered to water until June if it gets particularly dry. An orchard work day was scheduled for May 15, 2016, at 10:00. Perhaps either Forbes Morrell or Bob Machin could give us some tips about natural pest deterrents. Next year, we may want to have the soil tested again to determine whether or not we need to add more lime.

Cookeville Mall: Marian spoke to Chris Groschner, who says that we can continue to use the downstairs room of the Northern Woodlands building for the Mall. Dina has agreed to coordinate, and has already sent out emails to Margaret Loftus and Ginny to get a list of past volunteers. As a good-will gesture, she also approached Suzanne Upton, who lives on the green, about these Saturday morning activities. Margaret Loftus says she can work 1-1/2 hours on Saturdays through May. Linda Tobin agreed to make reminder calls to people who volunteer for specific Saturdays.

Green-Up (May 7): Becky Buchanan will post LRN notices regarding Green-Up Day. She'll mention Brad's Adopt-a-Highway idea. People who "adopt" will get to keep a grabber. Others can borrow one for the day. Linda will number the grabbers in permanent marker and they will be available at the Transfer Station as the day approaches. Linda purchased 20 grabbers from Aubuchon at a cost of around \$15 each. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve her purchase of \$317.79. (Marian moved, Frank seconded.)

Treasurer's Report: We have \$7558.44 in our account.

Bottles: Frank had a cash deposit for bottles for \$163, and Linda picked up another \$105 on Saturday (April 2).

Bottle duty: 4/9, Brad; 4/16, Linda; 4/23, Ginny; 4/30, Frank; 5/7 Glynn

Follow-up on Steve Long presentation: A great talk, and Steve sold most of the books he brought with him.

Future Events: *John Sutton Bird Walk:* Linda will call John. *Wild Edibles Workshop:* Linda will call Peggy Willey. *Talk about Stone Walls:* Anne McKinsey told us about Kevin Gardner, a stone-wall builder who lives in Hopkinton, NH, and speaks frequently about his craft throughout the region. Marian will call him to see if he'd

be willing to speak in Corinth sometime in the fall – perhaps October.

Trail Maintenance: Glynn will hike Clement Loop Trail to see if the newer loop needs maintenance. Marian will hike Roaring Ridge with the same goal. There will be a Town Forest trail maintenance day on April 24.

Next meeting: May 9, 2016. (Because the school meeting is on the first Monday)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley