

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: July 7, 2016 (approved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick, Kevin Buchanan, Brad Wheeler. **Guests:** Virginia Barlow and Susanne Smith

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:42 p.m.

Agenda changes: None

Minutes from June 6, 2016 unanimously approved (Glynn moved, Kevin seconded).

Action items:

Marian will speak to Kimberly Hotelling.

Linda will contact the bat rehabilitator

Glynn/Ginny will work on the orchard report

Public Comment: none

Orchard Business: Grant money expenditures, ?\$1800. Glynn spent \$225 on a 6-ft spruce picnic table for the orchard, purchased from South Corinth resident Bud Labardie. Since the table was purchased before 6/30, it will go into our 2015-2016 calendar-year expenditures. Mr. Labardie also offered to donate a child-size picnic table if he is unable to sell it. The table will require staining and blocks under the legs. This expenditure will use up the remainder of our grant money. It was approved unanimously (Marian moved, Kevin seconded). Hal Drury and Dan Wing have made substantial donations of time, and there was some discussion about how to recognize this. Perhaps an apple-blossom celebration next spring. / On reviewing the grant requirements it was noted that we need to maintain records of costs for 3 years. Glynn and Ginny are working on the report that must be submitted by July 31. Susanne noted that we should include something about the CCC Tree Steward award in our report.

Summer Events: Marian and Brad may lead a mushroom walk. / Kimberly Hotelling will be asked to do a plant walk/workshop with a focus on medicinal properties. / Some discussion about changing our policy regarding payment of workshop presenters. For now, we will leave things as they are, but may revisit this in the future.

Peggy Willey plant walk follow-up: Limited to 8 people. 9 showed, and 5 were turned away.

Composting Law: Need to put out information on this. Marian (as NEKSWD supervisor) will talk to Paul Tomasi (NEKSWD director) about how to educate our community about the law, as this is a piece of the SWIP (solid-waste implementation plan). She will also review the most recent notes and notes for the next NEKSD meeting (7/12). Information is available on the Corinth town web site under NEK. Corinth is an e-waste-certified center (anyone in Vermont can bring their e-waste to us). We will revisit this at our next meeting.

Town Forest Hearing: July 11, meeting for public input at a regular Selectboard meeting (Frank reminds us).

Trail Maintenance: will review this at our next meeting.

Bottles: Linda collected \$181.80 on 7/7, and Brad collected \$29.35 on 6/11 (total \$211.15).

Bottle duty: 7/9, Brad; 7/16 Ginny; 7/23 Kevin; 7/30, Linda

Next meeting: August 2, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 (Frank moved, Kevin seconded).

Respectfully submitted, Marian Cawley