

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

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Dina Dubois, Kevin Eaton.

Guest: Suzanne Opton

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

Agenda changes:

1. Nancy Jones/Bradford Conservation Commission proposal
2. CCC T-shirts

Approval of July minutes: Unanimous (Glynn moved, Linda seconded).

Action items:

Marian will make clarifications with Kimberly Hotelling.

Kevin Eaton will submit a list of volunteers who helped with Town Forest trail maintenance.

Glynn will follow up with Nancy Jones about cosponsoring the Bird Diva presentation

Marian will speak to Paul Tomasi (director of Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District

Kevin E. and Dina will prepare a report on Town Forest grant money for next meeting

Public Comment: Suzanne expressed an interest in the CCC and was curious about our activities/mission. Glynn gave an overview, with a list of some of the things we've done.

Town Forest Committee: Dina and Kevin, as members of the ad hoc Town Forest Committee, and now officially appointed Conservation Commission members, talked a little about their Town Forest Plan. All sections that referred to the Town Forest Committee will now say "Corinth Conservation Commission." The ban on bicycling and horseback riding on the TF trails has been changed to "Pedestrian trail walking is preferred for Town Forest trails." / Dina and Kevin distributed to each member a postcard and a brochure with a map of the forest trails. A reference book about what other Town Forest Committees do is now in the CCC drawer in the Town Hall. They also introduced the "weed wrench", which will be kept in the Town Hall basement. Grant money is still available for aluminum tags to let people know they're entering/exiting the Town Forest. This grant money, from the Open Space Conservancy, can only be used for Town Forest purposes. / At our next meeting, Dina and Kevin will present a treasurer's report. / There was some discussion also about the Jackson Hole wildlife film festival, screened a few years ago, and the possibility of screening that again. / Dina proposed that the CCC, with new members, do a hike together on the trails, but no date was set.

Orchard Business: Glynn submitted the final report to the granting organization (Vermont Parks and Rec Caring for Canopies). There was some difficulty sending the photos, but Glynn will do what needs to be done to complete the process. All grant moneys have been spent. / Glynn submitted the final receipt for the picnic table to Linda. We still need to apply sealant, and Glynn proposed Thompson's water sealant.

Plant walk with Kimberly Hotelling: This is on for August 27, 9-12. Marian will follow up with Kimberly about 1) what trail to do the walk on – Clement Loop? She will also double-check time frame and capacity (whether KH wants to limit the number of participants).

Bradford Conservation Commission: Nancy Jones contacted Glynn to see if the CCC would like to cosponsor with the BCC a presentation by Bridget Butler, the Bird Diva. The BCC meets 8/3 to finalize their plans. Presumably, we would pay half of the cost (approximately \$300). A motion was made to that effect and unanimously approved. (Marian moved, Dina seconded). The presentation would probably be in Bradford. Glynn will follow up with Nancy Jones and report back to us. / There was some discussion about proposing that

BCC share in a possible rescreening of the Jackson Hole Wildlife film festival.

Conservation Commission T-shirts: Linda picked up a box of these from Nancy Ertle. They had been stored at the Town Hall and Nancy was cleaning out. Each member of the CCC was given a t-shirt and Glynn took the remainder with him.

Composting Law: Graduated implementation over 8 years. This year began the full-out ban on yard waste. The amount of tonnage allowed as solid waste goes down each year from 2012 to 2020. At our next meeting we will revisit the idea of an educational presentation to the town about this law. 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). / There was some discussion about how to make townspeople more aware of what can be recycled and where the different stations are. Perhaps a map, kind of like the Town Forest maps, and large-print signs at each station? More on this at our next meeting.

Trail Maintenance: Clement Loop definitely needs some. Town Forest trails have been maintained more recently.

Bottle duty: 8/6, Brad; 8/13, Marian; 8/20, Glynn; 8/27, Kevin Eaton, 9/3, Brad

Next meeting: September 12, 2016 (usual day changed because of Labor Day)

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 (Glynn moved, Brad seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley