

Corinth Conservation Commission  
Minutes: October 3, 2016 (unapproved)

**Present:** Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Dina Dubois, Kevin Buchanan, and Kevin Eaton

**Late arrivals:** Kevin B. and Kevin E.

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:08 p.m.

**Action items:**

**Dina will make sign, laminate, and hang on Town Forest gate**

**Glynn will try to locate our mission statement**

**Glynn will speak to Ed Pospisil if he sees him about storing picnic table in FD shed**

**Linda will contact Bat Man: does he do presentations? In what ways might we support his efforts?**

**Marian will contact the Stone Wall guy**

**Marian will talk to Paul Tomasi (NEKSWD) about participating in Compost Law presentation**

**Brad will purchase 6 metal garbage cans and bags**

**Brad will contact all 3 new bottle transporters: Dutton Vought, John Hathaway, and Asa Porter**

**Agenda Changes: 1.** Request for CCC funding from Town: need to submit a request to Susan Fortunati by November 1. We will ask for \$500. **2.** AVCC annual meeting.

**Approval of August/September minutes:** August minutes were approved unanimously (Glynn moved, Linda seconded); September minutes were approved with change in language about Dina's copy of the complete Town Forest plan.

**Public Comment:** None

**Bridget Butler presentation follow-up:** Attendance was a little low but those who attended responded enthusiastically. Nancy Jones (BCC chair) will send us an invoice for \$200 (half Bridget's bill). Glynn talked to Nancy Jones about collaborating on more presentations. This led to discussion followed about...

**AVCC (Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions) Annual Meeting:** To be held on 10/22 at the Lake Morey Inn. Linda Tobin will go as the CCC representative. A motion was made and adopted unanimously to reimburse Linda the \$40 attendance fee (Glynn moved, Marian seconded). Some discussion followed about whether we have renewed our AVCC membership. This can probably be done at the meeting. The attendance fee may be less depending on our membership status.

**Town Forest:** Seven people turned out for the Town Forest work day. We checked all trails except the upper part of the Orange section. There were a few trees down, and one sign needs to be repaired. We still need to set a date for maintenance on Clement Loop. Dina will follow up with Courtney, Frank, and Kevin about reimbursing Redstart Forestry for aluminum tags and paint. Courtney has been in contact with Voss Signs, and we await a quote from them. / Some discussion followed about putting up a sign on the Town Forest gate letting visitors to the forest know that the Town Forest is open to hunters. Dina volunteered to make such a sign, laminate it, and hang it. / Additional maintenance: Kevin B. and Brad will finish up on 10/21 and then head over to Clement Loop if they have time.

**CCC mission:** There was some discussion here about the CCC's mission. Generally, it is to oversee the health of our natural resources and to educate townspeople about them through programs and events. Glynn will try to find the actual mission statement. We should post it on our web page/FB page.

**Orchard:** Picnic table needs to be painted/stained/sealed. If this doesn't happen this year, we need to put a tarp over it or ask the Fire Dept. (Ed Pospisil, chief) if we might be able to store it in their shed. Glynn sees FD members occasionally and will ask.

**Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC):** Brad feels he does not have time to take this on. We will need to revisit this in November.

**Fall/Winter program possibilities:** 1. *Bat presentation:* Linda will contact this man and see if he does presentations. Otherwise we will decide how much to donate to his bat haven. 2. *Composting Law:* Thinking about a January date. Bob Sandberg has already expressed an interest. Marian will talk to Paul Tomasi (head of the Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District) about attending also as another source of information. 3. *Wildlife Film Series:* This has been done before and was a big hit. Maybe something to collaborate with the BCC on. Films could be viewed at the Academy building. 4. *Stone Wall presentation:* Marian will find out this man's name and get in touch with him.

**Bottles:** Dina stood at the Transfer Station after our last meeting and greeted people as they came in, telling them about our bottle collecting and asking for volunteers to do some of the bottle runs to Bradford. Three people expressed an interest: John Hathaway, Asa Porter, and Dutton Vought. Dina proposed that these new people have a buddy on their first day doing bottles. Brad will contact all 3 and let them know that if they want training he's doing bottles on 10/29. / Brad gave Linda \$40 from his last bottle redemption day. /

**REORGANIZATION:** Brad proposed reorganizing the bottle operation at the Transfer Station. This would involve buying 6 new metal trash cans of uniform size with lids. Brad will purchase these, as well as heavy-duty bags that will fit in them. Barrels will be small enough that the bags, when full, will still be liftable. / We had been keeping a case of bags at Northern Woodlands. Marian will ask Ginny if there are still some there. / We talked briefly again about hanging a map of the stations at the Transfer Station at the entry to the Transfer Station in hopes that this will help townspeople dispose of their recyclables/trash in the proper places. Will revisit in November.

**Bottle duty: 10/1, Linda (already done); 10/8, Glynn; 10/15, one of our new people (Brad to contact); 10/22, Kevin Buchanan; 10/29, Brad; 11/5, another new person.**

**Next meeting:** November 7, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 (Glynn moved, Linda seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley