

Corinth Conservation Commission  
Minutes: March 6, 2017 (unapproved)

**Present:** Glynn Pellagrino, Kevin Eaton, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Brad Wheeler, Ginny Barlow (guest)

**Absent:** Dina Dubois

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Action items:**

**Marian will contact Luise Graf about pruning prior to 5/21**

**Marian will speak to Carl Demrow about bringing his chainsaw on 5/21**

**Agenda Additions:** None.

**Public comment:** Ginny spoke briefly about the Caring for Your Canopy grant application, which is due 4/14/2017. We would need to define a project as part of the application. Kevin Buchanan proposed doing something with the American Chestnut, and there was some discussion about possible locations for planting. Ginny volunteered to work on the application and Marian volunteered to help her. After more discussion, and Glynn pointing out that the town had declined to offer us any money at all this year, we thought that maybe we could manage a project like chestnut planting without grant money.

**Orchard:** Ginny's presence gave us the opportunity to also talk about what needs to be done in the orchard. We set a spring maintenance date of 5/20, at 9:00 a.m., with a rain date of 5/21. We need to weed, mulch, and compost, as we did last year. Before that maintenance date, we will need to do some pruning. Marian will contact Luise Graf to see if she will prune again. Marian and Ginny will go with her.

**Trail maintenance: *Clement Loop Trail:*** Work date, 5/27 at 9:00. Chain saws will be needed for the trees that need to be removed along the slope on the new spur. Marian will ask Carl Demrow if he could plan on being there that day. Otherwise, the usual: shovels, weed whackers, clippers, pruners, etc. We discussed printing out new copies of the trail map and brochure to put in the box at the trail head. Ginny will check to see who has the master. / ***Corinth Town Forest:*** On Sunday, 3/19, at 2:00, we will gather to hang boundary signs. Some people could be assessing the trails at the same time for possible maintenance required. / Bikes on Town Forest trails: Per Kevin E., thus far, there is not enough traffic of this kind to warrant special treatment. We will revisit this discussion if it becomes an issue. Camping is not ruled out, but there is no emphasis on this in the Town Forest plan. *Kevin Eaton moved to reimburse Redstart Forestry \$60.00 for boundary marking paint ordered by Courtney through them, Glynn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of February 2017 minutes:** *Linda moved, Kevin E. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Town Meeting:** Town did not allocate any money to the CCC. Glynn still still make the pitch about the matching grants and town support, the fact that we do bottles and that in June last year, we became responsible for caring for the Town Forest. He will also mention Green-up map sign-up. We have \$6346 in our budget and there is \$3342.64 of Open Space grant money in the FX Shea Town Forest budget.

**Tracking walk follow-up:** Good feelings all around. Brad Salon did a great job and we would love to have him do it again some time. *Marian moved to pay Brad Salon \$350 for the two workshop sessions on 3/4, Glynn seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

**Universal Recycling Law forum:** As things seem to be picking up faster than anticipated, we think maybe we will try to hold this in the fall. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

**Bottles:** Glynn submitted an invoice for 2 more metal garbage cans. We now have a total of 5 new trash cans. *Marian moved to reimburse Glynn \$59.98, Brad seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

**Bottle duty: 311, Dutton; 3/18, Brad; 3/25, Kevin B.; 4/1, Glynn; 4/8, Linda and Marian**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30. *Marian moved to adjourn, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

**Next meeting:** April 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley