

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: May 8, 2017 (approved)

Present: Members Glynn Pellagrino, Kevin Eaton, Dina Dubois, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Brad Wheeler; nonmembers Ginny Barlow, Deb Silverwolf, and Melissa Eaton (Kevin's youngest)

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

Action items:

Marian will post on LRN re the orchard maintenance day 5/20 at 9:00

Ginny will order compost from Bob Sandberg and bark mulch from JM Landscaping

Ginny will speak to Bruce Brough about MS students helping with trail maintenance

Dina will make a key for the mall and pick up a magnetic key box

Dina will post on the LRN looking for mall volunteers

Glynn will speak to Margaret Loftus – is she interested in selling early greens at the mall?

Glynn and Brad will contact Dutton Vought and Asa Porter about bottle duty assignments

Marian will be in touch with Paul Tomasi about Universal Recycling Law forum

Brad will speak to Richard Devins about Green-Up day tire disposal

Linda/Toby will continue to investigate our accounts to see where we're off

Dina will solicit volunteers for Green-Up Committee at the Transfer Station

Approval of April 2017 minutes: *Linda moved, Brad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Agenda Additions: None.

Public comment: Deb Silverwolf introduced herself as a possible future Corinthian. She is looking at the Infante property on Chelsea Road with a view to agroforestry as a community venture. She is currently in Barre. / Kevin E. introduced Melissa, who is curious about the CCC. Kevin wondered if she could serve as a proxy member for his occasional absences, or perhaps as a regular member, since we can have up to 9 CCCers.

Orchard: Pruning has been done by Louise Graf. Ginny will order compost from Bob Sandberg and mulch from JM Landscaping for the orchard maintenance day on May 20 at 9:00. Marian will make posts on the LRN.

Mall: Chris Groschner told Glynn that we can use the P.O. building for the time being. We will go ahead and open up on May 20. Ginny and Amy will do more clean-up in the meantime. Some concerns were raised about where to keep the key.

Trail maintenance: Ginny raised the possibility of Bruce Brough (science teacher at the Mountain School) bringing some MS students to help with trail maintenance. She will talk to him. ***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. Meet at the trail head. / ***Corinth Town Forest:*** This Saturday at 9:00 a.m., we will gather to hang boundary signs. The goal is to hang them only on trees that are actually IN the forest. Kevin Eaton is not able to be there for the whole time but will show up at the beginning to instruct people about how to hang the signs. Meeting place is the Town Hall to carpool to the forest. Some people could be assessing the trails at the same time for possible maintenance required.

Town Forest: The tree ID day Dina has been trying to plan with Lynn Murphy (WRVS science teacher) will probably not happen this year.

Bottles: Brad received \$20.20 for bottles redeemed in Barre. He wrote a check to the CCC and gave it to Linda.

Bottle duty: 5/13, Ginny and Marian; 5/20, Kevin Buchanan; 5/27, Asa Porter; 6/3, Dutton Vought

Green-Up: Becky was on the agenda but too sick to come to the meeting. She will plan on giving her report in June. There is as yet no replacement for her as GU coordinator, but we discussed trying to form a GU committee for this purpose. Dina will spend a Saturday morning at the Transfer Station trying to solicit volunteers, as she did for bottles. Tire Disposal: Richard Devins dropped off a truckload of tires the day before Green-Up Day, and we discussed who should speak to him about Green-Up protocol. Brad volunteered to speak to him. He and Becky will communicate about it. Glynn spoke to Steve Long about keeping the Transfer Station gate closed during the week preceding Green-Up.

Universal Recycling Law forum: We spoke about a possible “Education Day” at the Transfer Station, with CCC members taking turns “helping” people with their recycling – talking as needed about what’s ok and what’s not. We will focus more on this issue at our June meeting.

Large-scale solar project: On back burner for now.

Treasurer’s Report: All receipts/bills were submitted to Susan Fortunati. Things still don’t reconcile, though. We’re off by nearly \$3000. This could be explained by the Town Forest grant moneys being in a separate account. Linda/Toby will look into it, and we will have a more detailed report in June.

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

Next meeting: June 5, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley