

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: June 5, 2017 (unapproved)

Present: Members Glynn Pellagrino, Dina Dubois, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan;
Nonmembers: Rebecca Buchanan

Absent: Kevin Eaton, Brad Wheeler.

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

Action items:

Dina will go to the next Selectboard meeting (6/12) to begin discussion re Green-up Day trash disposal costs.

Dina will speak to loggers about possibly leaving a buffer along the Town Forest access road when/if they log their parcel

Dina will post on the LRN looking for mall volunteers

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

Glynn will send note to Selectboard re Green-up Day disposal costs

Approval of May 2017 minutes: *Glynn moved, Linda seconded.*

Agenda Additions: None.

Green-up Day: Brad sent an email to Richard Devins regarding the truckload of tires dropped off a couple days prior to Green-up. Richard responded that all attires were picked up along the road. A suggestion was made that perhaps there should be a limit on the number of tires per person/group we will accept free of charge. / Susan Fortunati submitted an invoice to us from Casella and NEKWMD, as we had agreed to shoulder the costs of Green-up for 2017. Becky shared some recent history re Green-up and how it has been paid f or. The question was raised whether the CCC should be responsible for these costs, as it is a town event and serves the town. *Glynn moved that we should talk to the Selectboard and say that the CCC is not willing to pay Green-up Day disposal costs after this year. We will provide volunteers and leadership, but not the funds. Linda seconded. Motion passed unanimously.* Glynn will also point out to the Selectboard that the gate to the Transfer Station should be kept closed in the weeks prior to Green-up. / Universal Recycling Law: This is another subject that should be raised with the Town as an issue. The composting piece may end up being an issue, as not everyone has a composting facility. The Town may need to promote this by providing a more official composting site at the Transfer Station. / Becky (Buchanan) noted that in Thetford, the cost is picked up under the general fund, and Glynn pointed out that the Highway Fund is another possibility. / Becky will streamline the job description for a Green-up Day coordinator and will have Anne McKinsey post it on the Town web site. Dina will take the description to the Transfer Station and approach people to ask them if they'd be willing to take over as coordinator. We reserve the option to form a Green-up Day Committee.

Town Forest: Dina emailed Lynn Murphy at WRVS to say that a tree identification day is unlikely to happen until the fall term. If there is enthusiasm for doing one, Dina will pursue it in the fall. / Kevin Eaton has a receipt for the aluminum boundary signs on his computer, which is currently being repaired. He will submit it to Linda asap. Most of the forest has now been marked with boundary signs. The parts that remain to be marked could be easily done in a couple hours. At our July meeting, we will ask Kevin E. if he wants to participate in the last stretches, and one of us will help him. / Dina will try to talk to the loggers who have bought land along the Town Forest access road to ask politely that if they are planning on logging their land they leave a buffer along the road.

Mall: Dina solicited volunteers, and many spots have been filled. She will continue to monitor this. Someone

(we think Amy Peberdy) made beautiful laminated signs to let people know what is and what is not acceptable as donations. Dina will thank Amy (if it was Amy) and ask how much we owe her for materials/labor. The blue jug (with money donations) needs to be checked as well and emptied if there is much in it. / Dina had a key made for the mall door.

Bottles: Linda submitted \$92 on 4/10 and \$113 to Susan on 4/28. Brad collected \$20.20 for bottles redeemed in Barre. He wrote a check to the CCC and gave it to Linda.

Bottle duty: 6/10, Brad; 6/17, Glynn; 6/24, Linda and Marian; 7/1, Marian + Ginny or Linda?

Treasurer's Report: Linda brought a list of receipts she needs by the end of the fiscal year for her report to Susan F. Glynn will send her the ones she has, and Kevin Eaton will send her the one for boundary signs and the one for red paint purchased by Redstart Forestry, which will be paid out of the Town Forest grant funds.

Clement Loop Trail Maintenance follow-up: Kevin Buchanan, Glynn, and Ginny walked up the spur trail and added blazes. They had earlier assessed the condition of the rest of the trail, which was in good shape.

Orchard Maintenance Day follow-up: We had 10-12 volunteers come and help weed, compost, and mulch. (Kudos to them!) Bob Sandberg donated a load of compost and Ginny donated a load of bark mulch from JM Landscaping. Lindle Sutton took photos and promised to send them to a CCC member. Hal Drury mowed the orchard last week.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40. *Glynn moved, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Next meeting: July 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley