

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: July 3, 2017 (unapproved)

**Present:** Members Glynn Pellagrino, Dina Dubois, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan; Kevin Eaton; Brad Wheeler.

**Absent:** Linda Tobin.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Action items:**

**Brad will hang laminated sign on Town Forest gate with hunting season dates**

**Glynn will email/phone Shannon Choquette at NEKWMD about composting materials and to invite her to our 9/11 meeting**

**Marian will contact Casella about providing info about what is/isn't recyclable**

**Dina will contact WRVS to find out what they do educationally regarding recycling and composting**

**Agenda Additions:** Added "Approval of June minutes".

**Approval of June 2017 minutes:** *Dina moved to approve the minutes with Brad's recommended changes (1. He spoke to Richard Devins by phone, not email; and 2. he helped with CL maintenance and blazing). Glynn seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*

**Green-up Day:** More discussion about tires and Brad's conversation with Mr. Devins. It was noted that the gate has been consistently closed recently. / Anne McKinsey posted a revised (shorter) description of the Green-Up Day coordinator position on the town web site. No response yet from community members. / Dina went to the Selectboard meeting on June 12 to talk to them about paying for Green-Up Day trash disposal. Susan Fortunati let her know that we would need to make the request at the Budget Committee meeting in September. We will pick up the costs this year, but will make a request for next year. Susan also told Dina that all our bills have been paid for this year. / Some discussion followed about the discrepancy between this year's Green-Up report and the 2016 report with regard to the number of volunteers (fewer in 2017 than 2016) and the trash tonnage.

**Town Forest:** Brad, Marian, and Ryan Jacobs hung more boundary signs on the northeast and north parts of the boundary. There's still an un-signed gap at the western edge of the north border and a stretch along the southeast border that needs to be done. There was some discussion about the "tail" on the eastern boundary – the part probably least used by the public. Signs have not been hung there yet either, but we will do that last. If we run short on signs, that would be the best place to skimp. We can always use blazes there. / We need to hang the laminated signs on the entrance gate with hunting season dates. Brad says he can do that. / We had talked in June about asking the abutting landowners what their forest management plan is, since they bought the land for logging purposes. We had hoped to ask them if they might leave a buffer along the access road, but as it turns out, the "tail" of the forest serves as a buffer anyway. The logging operation is in full swing. / We may revisit the tree identification project a couple years from now, since we plan on focusing on the Universal Recycling law next year. There was some discussion about an art project combined with the tree ID. Perhaps one trail could be a tree ID trail, with trees labeled, as was done on the Clement Loop Trail, OR there could be a card in the kiosk with a list of species and it could be like a scavenger hunt.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tobin was absent. However, Kevin Eaton has agreed to serve as treasurer for the coming year and Linda will be sending him all the information she has. We will have a Treasurer's Report at our August meeting.

**Universal Recycling Law:** On Wednesday, June 28, Vermont Edition hosted a program on the law, and on June 22, Shannon Choquette, from NEKWMD, visited our Transfer Station to educate people about what can and can't be recycled, for example, 5 x 7" magnets with list of recyclables. She had plenty of free materials on display and says she can get more if we need them. She also sent, by email, a poster of items that CANNOT be recycled. Glynn will be in touch with her to find out where we can pick up some of these free materials to pass out to people and to see if she might come to our September 11 meeting to discuss outreach. / A proposal was made that we do community outreach AT the Transfer Station, and possibly also hold a forum on the law at the Town Hall. Because composting and yard waste are a controversial component of the law, we discussed doing a short verbal survey, with two questions: 1. Do you compost? and 2. How do you dispose of yard waste? We may add one more question ("Would you be interested in an educational workshop?"), but our goal is to keep it short. We'll team up – 2 to 3 of us at a time, with one person asking the questions and another recording the answers. The survey will help us assess how much outreach we need to do. September is our target month for these activities. Our focus should be less on the law and more on sharing information and photos or physical demonstrations of some of the composting options on the market. Glynn spoke with Shannon at the Transfer Station and said she was very persuasive in her dealings with townspeople. / We revisited the idea of posting a map of the Transfer Station at the gate – or having a large sign on each container (or both). / There will be more discussion about all this at our August meeting.

**Bottles:** Marian picked up an envelope with \$146.05 on June 24 when she did the bottles and gave it to Linda. Glynn will contact Asa Porter to see if he can do bottles on July 29.

**Bottle duty: 7/8, Brad; 7/15, Kevin Eaton; 7/22, Glynn; 7/29, Asa Porter**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:00. *Glynn moved, Marian seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

**Next meeting:** August 7, 2017.

**September meeting:** We realized this will conflict with Labor Day and postponed it till 9/11.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley