

## Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes Oct. 2, 2017 **Approved**

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Dina DuBois, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Kevin Buchanan,  
Kevin Eaton Absent: Brad Wheeler Guest: Bob Sandberg Meeting called to order 7:07P.M.

**Action items:**Dina: bills to Susan Fortunati, Contact Green Up day volunteers. Glynn P.:Email Asa Porter re bottles. email Dina Green up names

**I.Minutes.** Glynn moved to accept the minutes for Sept. 11, 2017. Kevin B. seconded.All in favor.

**II. Public Comment.**Bob Sandberg, who has a composting business in Corinth, at the invitation of Dina came to discuss ways forward to comply with the food scrap ban at landfills in Vermont as of 2020. Now Bob is notified when a tote is filled by Joan of Casella. Now he does that pick for free. As the citizens bring more food scraps to the transfer station will Bob be paid to take them?. Will people be charged for leaving compostables in the totes/ Would the town, Casella be paying Bob? What is the future for composting.?Would his son and daughter take over? IE. Will the town create compost? The town will have to figure out how to manage the food scraps. If the transfer station is moved to the proposed site there is room for composting.But How would that be managed?

**III.Recycling law up date and outreach.** Marian moved and Linda seconded a motion to repay Dina \$427for charging the copies ( at CopyWorld) on the Recycling and Composting flyer for inclusion in the town newsletter(800) and the RECYCLE RIGHT (250) flyer to hand out at the transfer station and at future outreach programs..Conservation members have conducted a survey at the transfer station over the past three Saturdays to get an initial idea of people's practices and knowledge. 264 were questioned. Do you recycle? 245 yes/19 No. Do you compost? 166 yes/ 90 No. Do you know about the 2020 law banning food scraps from Vermont landfills? 169 yes/ 76 no. People were also asked if they knew food scraps could be left at the transfer station and if they knew where the totes were. Many did not know they could leave scraps there or where the totes are. Dina showed pictures of the signs she had posted to bring attention to the totes. At Bob's suggestion she had placed a sign on the totes to only use when other tote is filled. Discussion focused on where to place the totes. And how to create signage that was useful. Paying for a large plastic sandwich board or weather proof large sign be made to hang on the plywood part of the blue trailer were thought about. To avoid use of plastic, and the cost it was decided to keep the cardboard hand made signs for now with a bright color added.. Members reported that the RECYCLE RIGHT flyers were handed out at the transfer station and were well received People to people information works well. Continued outreach will be discussed: demonstration of composting at transfer station and a Town Hall public information program in the spring.

**IV. Town Forest report.** Dina talked with Kathy Desmond about them putting a no parking sign on their gate to discourage forest visitors from parking there. She mentioned that additional signage had been put up in the parking area. Signs she had posted on her gate were taken down or fell off. She will pursue getting a better sign for their gate. Kevin brought up spending around \$130 for a cedar picnic table for the head of the red trail. To be pursued in the spring. **Programs for the winter/** Perhaps a snow shoe event in the town forest in mid-February with a fire. Hunting season has started. Will wait til spring to finish the entering forest signs along the boundary.

**V. Treasurer report.** Kevin is learning the ropes from Linda and gave Dina the bills to give to Susan.

**VI. AVCC summit report** Glynn reported on the Conservation summit.. He mentioned in particular the Getting Youth Involved program. In Shelburne they have a youth on the board. Some towns have non-voting members. He did hear about some forest grant possibilities. **Invasive species talks.** This was something Glynn went to at the summit.Ask Susie Strainchamps to come to talk about Yellow Rattle invasive plant?.Does our conservation commission have a mission statement? Something to pursue. Some groups have larger tasks and activities.

**VII.Town Plan input.** Conservation Commission input concerning percent of conserved land.Continue that discussion.

**VIII.** Green Up volunteers. Dina will pursue those interested and try to get others who then would meet with Becky Buchanan for training.

**VIII. Bottle Duty.** 10. 7- Dutton, 10/14 Glynn, 10/21 Kevin 10/28 Marian, 11/4 Linda. Glynn will email ASA Porter.

**Next Meeting:** Nov. 6, 2017 Corinth Town Hall. 7:00P.M. Marian moved to adjourn, Glynn seconded. All in favor 8:45. Submitted by Dina DuBois