

Corinth Conservation Commission Minutes Jan. 8, 2018

APPROVED

Present: Brad Wheeler, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan, Dina DuBois Glynn Pellagrino.

I. Agenda change. Add Planning Commission survey re renewable energy under other business.

II. Minutes approval. Marian moved to accept the minutes of Dec.4, 2017. Linda seconded. All in favor.

Action items: Dina call VT Tech re apple food safety standards. Dina explore use of WRVS snow shoes/Mt. School snow shoe loan?All: watch recycling videos sent by email. Melissa ask Becky re T-shirts

III. Green Up Day. Kevin reported that Melissa would like to have Green Up Day T- shirts to promote the activity at WRV School. Discussion followed about cost, how many, sizes and purpose. Purpose might be safety, reward, advertising, recruit the kids and families. Melissa to research cost and possible supply through Green Up Day Vermont. Or other t-shirt providers. Ask Becky if she knows about T-shirts. Would they be given out at the transfer station to those bringing green bags? Worn during litter collection? Discussion to continue.

IV. Winter Tracking and other events. Brad reported that Brad Salon of The Roots School is available to lead two tracking walks on March 17: 9-12 and 1-4. The cost is \$350. Dina moved to pay the \$350 fee when receipt is received. Linda seconded. If weather prohibits and event is cancelled there is no cost. Discussed possibility of snow shoe walk at Roaring Ridge near full moon rise Jan.27 or Feb. 2 or possibly end of March. Target audience? Borrowing snow shoes from Mt. School and WRVS for those without? For inexperienced and experienced? Timing for moon rise? Tabled for next meeting.

V. Recycling/ composting law outreach. Dina commented on the news that China is not going to be taking US plastics for recycling. Marian reported that Casella is not going to be taking glass for recycling. What to do? Focus on the 2020 law about food scraps and composting. Focus on Education meeting and transfer station activity and purchase (?) of composting equipment for next meeting. Before next meeting, watch the videos supplied by Austin Texas recycling center sent by email.

VI. Town Forest. Kevin E. gave Sue Shea a metal Town Forest Sign which was appreciated. Kevin will work to make the “**parking**” words on the signs more visible.

VII. CCC mission. Discuss Planning Commission survey next meeting. Is that part of the CCC mission?

VIII. Orchard management. Dina presented the food safety standards apple checklist from UVM for consideration when we create an orchard management document. Is a community orchard required to meet the standards? Dina will ask Vermont Technical College what they do about that. Does that apply to a municipality? Does the insurance cover liability about food safety, not just tripping and falling? Use of manure? Not anymore. Public to collect fruit at their own risk. Put up a sign? Discussion to continue. Weeding, mulching, mowing, etc.

IX. Other business: Planning Commission survey. Continue next time. Related to the survey question about interest in individual, corporate or municipal renewable energy, Dina presented the Act 174 statute concerning municipalities ability to regulate their own towns location of renewable energy. The public Service Board includes “substantial deference” Do we need an amendment to that? Continue to understand and discuss. Also Washington Electric Co-op is hurt financially by additional solar. More discussion needed if Corinth wants to plan any new transfer station use of solar panels.

X. Bottle recycling schedule: Jan. 13- Kevin B., Jan. 20- Dutton, Jan. 27-Asa Porter, Feb. 3- Linda T.Marian moved to reimburse Glynn \$14.18 for garbage bag purchase for bottles. Seconded by Brad. All in favor.

NEXT Meeting is Feb.5 7:00pm at Corinth Town Hall.

Marian moved to adjourn at 8:42. Seconded by Dina Respectfully submitted by Dina DuBois