

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION June 4, 2018 Minutes APPROVED

Present: Members: Glynn Pellagrino, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Kevin Eaton, Dina DuBois,
Kevin Buchanan, Jon Spanier Absent: Brad Wheeler Guest: Lindle Sutton

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Action Items: Kevin E.: Roots School bill for Brad Salon needed, Check with Melissa about volunteer and number of WRVS kids who did Green Up, arrange Forest trail walk with Dina, and buy picnic table. Marian: ask Ginny for cost of mulch, ask Ginny to consult about trees at transfer station and erosion prevention if necessary. Ask Jeff for cost estimate to mow. Glynn: contact Jeff about mowing orchard July, Aug. Sept., Contact Shannon re reimbursement of bin cost. Jon, Kevin B., Marian: Clement trail clearing June 30. Dina: send out Mall hosting schedule.

I. Agenda changes. Other business add: Mall, new transfer station, town plan, trail maintenance.

II. Minutes approval. Kevin moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2018. Linda seconded. All in favor.

III. Public comment. Lindle would like to be involved with the CCC although is away in the winter, perhaps helping with volunteers for trail clearings.

IV. Green Up Day report. Tire disposal charges sent to town treasurer Nyssa. The town paid \$113.20 for tires from the \$400 allocated. There is a surplus. Green Up Day t-shirts cost \$484.20.

Ken has ordered a painted aluminum sign 8"x10" to be made with winner's name of most bags submitted: Carl Demrow. Hope to have Carl attend when putting up the sign: photo Op.

V. Compost Workshop Follow up. Around 30 people attended. 4 compost bins sold at reduced price. Dina moved to Pay NEWMD \$45 for purchase of demonstration bin used at transfer station. Jon seconded. All in favor. Perhaps raffle off the bin at another occasion. Move the bin when the transfer station moves. Have another demonstration at the new transfer station? Discussion of new rule of no food scraps by 2020 and the CCC roles in educating and informing the public about that.

IV. Treasurer's report. Currently CCC has \$10,894 combined with balance of \$4,000 from the Town Forest account. Kevin will get a bill from the Roots school to submit to Nyssa.

V. Town Orchard. Discussion about who to mow the orchard and how often. Greg Thurston who mows for the town, the small patch by town hall, would like to mow the orchard. Jeff Flye has been spoken to by Ginny and Marian. Marian said she'd get estimates from him. Glynn will speak to Jeff to mow for July, August and Sept. as Hal Drury has said he would mow through June. Marian moved to have Jeff mow, seconded by Linda. All in favor. This is paid for by the CCC funds. Greg would be paid from a town budget. Dina brought up possible mowing of the whole meadow behind Town Hall to cut down chervil. Ask select board about that. The orchard mowing would be a CCC budget item.

Access and use of orchard field for the public was discussed in connection with a large party held last week at town hall. When an orchard management plan is worked on perhaps these mowing concerns will be addressed. Orchard clean up day. Ginny brought mulch that needs to be paid for. Bob Sandberg brought compost. Marian will ask to reimburse Ginny.

VI. Town Forest. Kevin has stained trail signs so that the white painted numbers have higher contrast. He moved to buy the smaller size picnic table for the head of the red trail for \$120 plus tax. Dina seconded. Discussion about how to get that heavy table up there. Then put the location on the poster at the kiosk to say where it is, making it a destination. Forest trail clearing was discussed. Kevin and Dina will walk the trails to do preliminary clearing and assessment. Possible sculpture in the forest in the fall with WRVS kids and/or parent kids art work with Nick Neddo of the Roots school. Trail work on Clement trail was scheduled with CCC members: Jon, Kevin B, Marian for June 30.

VII. Emerald Ash Borer. Accessing Ash trees in the town Forest will be discussed in the future. Dina brought up the question of whether to identify the trees and harvest them before infestation. She did say the price of ash is now low because of increased inventory due to more cutting because of the threat of the Emerald Ah Borer.

VIII. Bottle Duty: June 9- Jon, June 16- Dutton, June 23- Marian, June 30-KevinB.

IX. Other Business.

A. New transfer station. Marian will ask Ginny, the town forester, to think about trees at the new site. Ginny got trees planted as a border/visual barrier at the current transfer station when it was moved there. Would we use the opening of the new transfer station as a chance to have another composting demonstration?

B. The Mall. The Groschners will let the CCC use "The Mall" again this year for a short season to end the last weekend in August, with clean out the first weekend in September. Dina passed around a schedule for CCC members to sign up for hosting. She will handle scheduling hosts.

C. Trail clearing. Clement trail will have clearing started with Marian, Jon, and Kevin B.

C. Town Plan. Glynn has been notified that the CCC has a role to play in the town plan. CCC has discussed what tasks we may take on and whether to participate in the town plan.

Submitted by Dina DuBois