

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES JULY 2, 2018 UNAPPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Spanier, Linda Tobin, Kevin Buchanan, Brad Wheeler

ABSENT: Glynne Pellagrino, Marian Cawley, Kevin Eaton

GUESTS: Ken Arkind, Lindle Sutton, Suzanne Opton, Ginny Barlow, Chris Groschner

Meeting called to order by Brad Wheeler: 7:03PM

Action items: Ginny Barlow will put fence offering on LRN. Dina will talk to WRV School about Sculpture in the Town Forest, Jon will talk to Redstart about education forum on invasives. Glynne will pay Association of Conservation Commission dues. Dina will write Ginny and Bob thank you notes.

- I. Agenda changes.** Green Up Day Award moved to #2. Add yellow rattle discussion to Other business.
- II. Public comment.** Chris Groschner, whose building has housed "The Mall" swap shop that the CCC has operated as a recycle /re-use center, sees this summer as its final season due to Northern Woodlands leaving the building. The space will be used to create a "money stream"... a rental space. Because of the loss of that space where congenial community conversation took place during the summer months, Chris thought perhaps the CCC could build a small shed to house the swap shop on land that the Groschners own that is the parking space next to the current "Mall." Discussion followed about possible use of the new transfer station hosted by CCC volunteers. Kevin B. spoke about his experience with that at the Thetford transfer station. The Select Board is in charge of the transfer station so any idea like that would go through the Select Board. CCC thanked Chris for the use of the space and for the opportunity to consider a small space in the same locale that promotes the community building aspect of the mall.
- III. Green Up Day Award.** Ken Arkind showed the plaque to post on the kiosk for most green up bags collected. He suggested having a Town Forest clean up day be a day to post the plaque on the kiosk and have Carl Demrow and team there for congratulations. Sept. 15, 2018 will be the day for forest trail clearing and award day. Ken was thanked for all his coordination and enthusiasm for the project. He told us he really enjoyed doing it and praised Melissa Eaton for her work. He hopes her school will participate next year with a senior student. He will ask Kevin to see if Melissa found out how many students at WRVS did participate.
- IV. IV. Association of Conservation's dues.** Glynne was not present to say what the amount of the dues is. Linda read from a flyer- probably \$50. Dina moved to pay the dues in a timely fashion. Jon seconded. All in favor. Glynne will let us know what the dues are and when they need to be sent.
- V. June 4, 2018 Minutes Approval.** Approval of changes submitted by Marian with correction of Mariah to Marian. Kevin B. moved to approve, Jon seconded. All in favor.
- VI. Town Orchard.** Ginny Barlow the creator of the orchard gave its history so that the CCC could understand its origin. A \$2,000 grant paid for 10 trees planted in 2014 and another 10 in 2015. Two that died have been replaced. The grant also paid for the fencing to protect the trees and for the picnic table and hoses to water the trees. Ginny will post an offer of fencing- for- free on LRN. Ginny has one fence and two were given to Suzanne Opton for two pear trees planted in her commons adding to the spring tree blossom effort in Cookeville. Jeff Flye will now mow. Louise Graf has been pruning, Ginny has led cleanup. The reason Ginny said it is lawn-like is to prevent people from getting ticks as they mow and care for the trees and for people picking. The soil was tested and amended at the original planting. But may need another soil test. Discussion of a management plan followed. Ginny prefers to have a vision/mission statement more than a detailed plan as things change over the years. Brad asked if Ginny would continue to coordinate the orchard clean up, pruning and post on LRN about apple picking at the end of the summer. She agreed!! Dina talked about advice received from a fruit tree farmer who said the drops need to be picked up to avoid disease being carried to the trees. Ginny would like two clean up days: one in the spring and one in the fall. They are community apples. Dina suggested there be a sign inviting the community

to pick from the trees or the drops at their own risk. Ginny and Bob Sandberg donated the mulch and compost.

VII. Trail Work. Jon, Kevin N. and Lindle reported that the Clement trail was pretty clear. Discussion followed on the need for a sign where a loop begins so that there is no confusion that the split in the trail is a loop. It was agreed that a sign is needed. Signs were made for the town forest, so that can be reviewed as to how they were made and who did it. Lindle said she would add a notebook at the trail head for people to sign. Lindle has volunteered to join the CCC and awaits approval of the select board. Many thanks to Lindle.

VIII. Town Forest. A trail clearing is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2018. Dina brought up again the idea of having an Andy Goldsworthy kind of natural outdoor sculpture event in the town forest. She will talk it over with the art teacher at the school and she knows a person who would do that kind of work with a range of natural materials. Perhaps an October event.

VIII. Bottle Duty. July 7- Brad, July 14- Kevin B. July 21- Jon, July 28- Glynn, Aug. 4- Linda. Fewer bottles were at the transfer station. Crossmolina farm picked up the bottles for their use.

IX. Other business. Yellow Rattle invasive. Susie Strainchamps last summer notified the CCC about this invasive and let us know that someone could come and educate people about dealing with this. Dina handed out the paragraph saying that early cutting two times and for two years is most effective. Jon brought up the issue of other invasives and why only deal with this one. Discussion followed. Kevin B. talked of having an education and awareness program about invasives in general. Jon said he would call Redstart Forestry to explore if they would be interested in holding such a program.

Next meeting is Aug. 6 at Town hall at 7:00pm.

Brad moved to adjourn at 8:30PM. Kevin B. seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by Dina DuBois