

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes August 6, 2018 (Unapproved)

Members present: Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier, Kevin Eaton, Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler

Absent: Dina Dubois, Linda Tobin, Kevin Buchanan

Meeting called to order by Glynn: 7:06 pm

Action items

- Jon will contact Markus Bradley regarding Japanese knotweed along Cookeville Road
- Marian and Ginny will come up with management plan for orchard
- Kevin E. and Brad will plan to finish boundary marking in Town Forest
- Brad will contact Dutton about doing bottles on 8/25
- Glynn will contact Asa about doing bottles on 9/8

I. **Agenda changes.** Update on town plan and Act 170

II. **Public comment.** None.

III. **July 9, 2018 minutes approval.** Marian moved to approve, Jon seconded. All in favor.

IV. **Invasive species projects.** Should we try to have an information session in the fall? Or perhaps in late winter? This seems like a good idea, and we will revisit it in September. Jon reported on his interchange with Redstart. Ben had attended a selectboard meeting to see if they wanted Redstart to treat the knotweed along Cookeville Rd., but no action was taken. He felt a push by the CCC might help. Jon will contact Markus or Ben to see how exactly they would treat it. Not sure CCC wants to endorse spraying, as there is some concern about toxic spray near the water – or at all.

V. **New transfer station.** We need to decide what plantings might work to both screen transfer station from the road and look decent. Ginny had volunteered to make a plan, but she is out of town so this is tabled till next meeting.

VI. **Bottles.** Glynn had an invoice for \$16.98 for garbage bags to be approved by the town treasurer. Marian moved to reimburse him. Jon seconded. All in favor. / Brad did bottles on the Monday after July 4th weekend and reported that there were so many he had to make two trips. We decided that on bottle-pick-up days after major holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day) we will have 2 people available to take them to Bradford.

VII. **Town Forest.** New picnic table on North Trail spur was carried up by a youth group associated with the Corinth Bible Church. / There is still a small section of the forest to mark with boundary signs. Kevin E. and Brad will make a plan to complete this project. / Dina is still trying to plan an educational event for the fall. She is the contact person with WRVS. Glynn proposed Earth Day 2019 as a target date. / Joe Blodgett spoke to Glynn about a tree-cutting workshop he is planning in October. He wondered whether the Town Forest might be a place where they could cut – i.e., might have trees that need to be cut or that we would like cut. Kevin E. will speak to David Paganelli, the Orange County forester, about this.

VIII. **Recycling.** Because China is no longer taking U.S. recycled material, there may be changes in how we process such matter. We will ask Bob Sandberg to come to our next meeting to recap NEKWMD's management plan for recyclables.

IX. **Orchard.** Trees look good, though not many apples. Jeff Flye seems to be mowing. Marian and Ginny still need to put together a maintenance plan for the orchard, which will include 2 maintenance days, one in the spring and one in the fall.

X. **Mall.** Chris offered us space to build a small shed to serve as mall space. Our concern is that it might not be big enough and we want a place with some room. This is a social opportunity as much as anything. We will discuss further at our next meeting and will decide about who will do a purging

when the facility closes in the fall. Glynn will talk to Joe Blodgett about the possibility of having a trailer at the new transfer station that could serve as mall space.

- XI.** Bottle duty. 8/11, Kevin E.; 8/18, Marian; 8/25, Dutton (Brad will inform him); 9/1, Brad; 9/8, Asa (Glynn will notify)
- XII.** Next meeting. Because the first Monday in September falls on Labor Day, we opted to change the date to 9/10/18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Marian moved to adjourn, Jon seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Marian Cawley