

Corinth Conservation Commission
September 10, 2018 -MINUTES Unapproved

Members present: Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan

Absent: Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Brad Wheeler **Guest:** Ken Arkind.

Glynn called meeting called to order 7:07PM

Action Items: - Ken, make poster and newsletter article about Green Up Day Award and Trail Clearing -Dina LRN and FACEBOOK re trail clearing, put up posters, pictures of trail clearing to Ken, cider and donuts for trail clearing, notify WRV School about trail clearing, bring in garden hose. -Glynn cover picnic table.

I. Agenda changes: Green Up Day award First

II. Green Up Day Award. A forest trail clearing will be combined with the Green Up Day Award Sunday Oct. 14 from 1-4PM. The award plaque will be placed on the kiosk. Ken will write this for the newsletter and make a poster. Meet at Town Hall at 12:45 to car pool. Limited parking at forest.

III. Approval of Minutes. Aug. 6, 2018 CCC minutes. Glynn moved to approve the minutes. Kevin B. seconded. All in favor.

IV. Mall relocation. Kevin B. shared that the transfer station in Thetford is where swapping items occurs and is well used and provides social interaction. Whether to move our swap shop to the new transfer station was discussed: a shed there? Hosting just in the summer? Discussed Chris Groschner's offer of placing a prefab shed beside the Post Office building. Cost of around \$3,000 seemed like too much. Could be built by volunteers? Tabled for future discussion as transfer station not moved and not needed til next summer.

V. Invasive species issues. Redstart Forestry has sent a proposed map of the areas for treatment. Ben Machin requests the select board be asked about glyphosate poisoning of the weed. Because discussion of the possible cancer causing problems and that it is too late this year to apply the discussion was tabled. Kevin B asked how big a problem it is. It crowds out other plants along the waterways and in flooding does not hold onto the banks and goes into the streams. Jon asked if this topic of dealing with invasives is something the CCC wants to take on. Possibly education about the topic would be possible. Tabled for now. Glynn reviewed the current mission of the CCC: trail clearing, forest maintenance, Orchard maintenance, education re food scraps. Dina brought up that there are many things a CC MAY do. Continue to refine CCC mission/ activities.

VI. Transfer station. CCC learned that the move of the transfer station is on hold. Plan for landscaping is with Ginny and Marian. Dina showed a mound system that might create a green barrier to shield the entrance.

VII. Town Forest. Kevin talked about wet spots around/near the new picnic table along the brook. He consulted with Carl Demrow about board walks, rocks, hard pack to deal with the wetness. Move the table? Dig a ditch, make a water bar? Look at it during trail clearing day.

Dina reported that the art teacher at WRVS was not able to work with the CCC to create a sculpture experience in the town Forest. She will ask the principal if there are other teachers who would like to do that or work with the home schooling community. Emily at the Library would be a good connection for that.

VIII. Orchard plan. Ginny and Marian not there to discuss. Dina showed a sign used at the John Muir orchard in California that might be used: "Please help the trees by not climbing on them and only sampling one or two pieces of fruit from low branches or on the ground." She brought up liability of people eating drops that are contaminated. They need to be /washed and cooked. Need community guidelines, pruning, ecological management. Ginny proposed selling the remaining fencing. CCC will ask Ginny to sell it on LRN.

IX. Town Plan Glynn will continue to work with the town planning board to preserve forested corridors (Act 171) and to identify what corridors we have.

X. Recycling/compost. Dina asked about the composting bin at the transfer station. Glenn will pick it up and keep it for some future use.

XI. Bottle Duty: Sept. 15 Marian, Sept. 22 Kevin B. Sept. 29 Glynn, Oct. 38 Kevin E.

XII. Adjournment. Kevin E. moved to adjourn 8:55; All in favor. Jon seconded.

Next meeting October 1, 2018 7:00 PM Town Hall Submitted by, Dina DuBois