

Corinth Conservation Commission

Nov. 5, 2018 Minutes Approved

Members present: Dina DuBois, Lindle Sutton, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin

Absent: Jon Spanier, Brad Wheeler **Guest:** Chris Groschner

Meeting called to order: 7:10Pm. **Action items:** Brad, Lindle, Marian, see bottles.

I. **Agenda changes:** Other: announcement of West Fairlee Event, transfer station /mall discussion

II. **Minutes approval.**CCC October 1, 2018 minutes. Moved for approval by Linda Tobin, seconded by Glynn Pellagrino. All in favor.

III. **Public comment.** Chris Groschner asked the CCC to consider having green/natural burials in the Town Forest. Discussion followed on mission of the forest, a fee for burial, machinery to dig a hole, distress of visitors knowing of burials, what about green burial in town cemeteries. Groschner cited environmental hazards of burial: embalming fluid, copper, brass etc.

IV. **Town Forest.**Trail clearing was well attended. Some clearing still to be done at the top of the orange trail. Kevin wondered about post event publicity. Perhaps the JO would cover it...a picture to pass to them. What about letting Bessie Sanberg know about events ahead of time to promote in the JO Corinth column? Kevin suggested having a trail become a tree ID trail with posts to have a question about trees to see, leaf drawing, and an answer under a flap and trees having a post with ID on it. Perhaps having a flyer at the kiosk for tree ID on that trail. Kevin B concerned about interrupting the naturalness of the forest with posts. Dina did say the school has tree ID as part of the curriculum. Dina reported that the art teacher at the school was not interested in having a sculpture day in the forest.

V. **Green Up Day Award.** the Green Up award TEAM TAPLIN with 25 bags plaque was posted on the kiosk. Carl Demorow and Tania Aebbi – Taplin team leaders- posed with Green Up Day leaders Ken Arkind and Melissa Eaton.

VI. **Treasurer report.** Kevin, the treasurer, reported no significant change in amount of @ \$10,000 with @ \$4,000 of that from the forest account. Town budget meeting is Nov.14. Glynn will try to make it with a request for money for the Green Up Day trash collection. Lindle will consult with Glynn and go to the budget meeting if Glynn cannot. Discussion followed about buying a tablet for use in assessing and documenting the ash tree /emerald borer problem. Kevin moved to have the CCC ask for \$300 for Green Up Day trash removal and \$ 100 for on going CCC programs and grant opportunities. Marian seconded. All in favor.

VII. **Winter programs.** Discussion of the mission of the CCC is a recurring theme., identifying what the CCC wants to address. Education forums rather than implementation of programs was suggested by Kevin B. The CCC has already taken on educating Corinthians about the food scraps law change. Now perhaps forums on invasives, green burials, and renewable energy could be topics for educating the public as winter events. Another tracking walk is a possibility. And what about another full moon snow shoe walk? Or a talk on astronomy: phases of the moon/eclipses.

VIII. **Bottles:** Nov. 10, Lindle and Marian; Nov. 17, Lindle; Nov. 24, Brad; Dec.1, Kevin B. The Bradford Redemption Center might consider coming to pick up the bottles.

IX. **Other.** Linda shared posters for a Natural Science Center presentation (Animals with a BAD Reputation) in West Fairlee Nov. 11. Dina asked about the decision made at the last meeting to have the swap shop at the new transfer station and whether having it near the post office as still a possibility. Evidently the place for the shop would be over tanks and therefore not okay.

X. **Adjournment.** Glynn moved to adjourn at 8:50. Kevin seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting Dec. 3, 2018 7:00Pm Town Hall

Submitted by Dina DuBois