Corinth Conservation Commission December 3, 2018 Minutes Unapproved

<u>Members present</u>: Glynn Pellagrino, Dina DuBois, Kevin Eaton, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Brad Wheeler, Jon Spanier, Kevin Buchanan (late arrival). <u>Absent</u>: Lindle Lawton-Sutton.

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm.

<u>Action items</u>: Brad W. will contact Brad S. re winter tracking, will clean up rest of bottles at Transfer Station, and will speak w/ Ginny about a grant proposal. * Kevin E. will speak to Jacob at the redemption center. * Dina will follow up with Chris Groschner re green burials.

I. <u>Agenda changes</u>: Dina talked briefly in support of setting our agenda for next month's meeting at the end of the present meeting, going forward. Additions to the agenda were the bottle collection process; orchard management; IPad for town use in response to emerald ash borer (EAB) invasion; trailer for new transfer station; budget meeting

II. <u>Minutes approval</u>. CCC November 6, 2018 minutes. Marian Cawley moved to approve, with changes (adding Kevin B. to bottle duty list), seconded by Kevin Eaton. All in favor.

III. Public comment. None.

IV. <u>Winter Programs</u>. *Tracking workshop with Brad Salon:* Brad W. will contact him about dates/times. He will also ask whether the Roots School has any connection with WRVS. If not, Brad W. will propose that Brad S. hold a couple of workshops on a school day for WRVS students, to be paid for by the CCC. *Full moon walk/snowshoe:* There will be super moons in January, February, and March of 2019, with a total lunar eclipse on January 21 (the full moon). We will iron out details at our January meeting. *Moon Talk follow-up:* Kevin E. spoke to his friend John Perry, an astronomy professor, who respectfully declined our invitation to give a talk about the moon. *Invasives Forum:* We hope to do this sometime after Town Meeting. Other things discussed were a composting forum and a green burials info session.

V. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>. Bottle donations yielded \$1,133.75 from May to October, 2018. Our expenses were \$8.99 for trash bags. We have \$2,802 in the Town Forest account and \$10,827.45 total (including the Town Forest account).

VI. <u>Bottles</u>: Due to scheduling mishaps, Kevin B. had a double load on 12/1 and not enough room in his truck. Brad will pick up the remaining bottles and redeem them. Kevin Eaton spoke to Jacob at the Bradford Redemption Center. They discussed replacing the trash cans with large crates that could be moved with his lift gate truck. Kevin E. will follow up with him.

Bottle duty: 12/8, Asa (Glynn contact); 12/15, Dutton (Brad contact); 12/22, Jon; 12/29, Glynn; 1/5, Marian.

VII. <u>Other</u>. *Army surplus trailer:* Brad spoke to Joe Blodgett, who says these are few and far between – he will let us know if one comes up. Brad proposed creating a structure using volunteer labor led by a builder, with local sourced materials, as much of it as possible donated. Discussion to be continued. *Green burials:* Dina suggested that we should contact Chris Groschner about his informal proposal to have a green burial site in the Town Forest, to thank him and let him know that we are discussing it. She will take this on. *IPad for use by EAB ad hoc committee:* Brad talked to Elise Schadler about these. There are used ones available, but Ginny offered to write a grant proposal for buying materials pertinent to the EAB response. *Glynn moved to authorize Ginny to oversee the grant proposal. Brad seconded. All in favor.* Brad will follow up. (There was some discussion about what exactly the CCC's role is in this endeavor – supporting the town in its response to the EAB invasion was our response.) *Budget meeting:* Glynn attended. The town granted us \$300 for Green-Up Day costs and \$100 for us. Glynn asked for volunteers to write the CCC blurb for the town report. Marian volunteered. *Orchard management:* Dina

proposed a sign in the orchard with guidelines for purposes of hygiene and orchard health. Discussion tabled till next meeting.

VIII. <u>Agenda for January 7 meeting</u>: 1. Agenda changes. 2. Minutes approval. 3. Public comment. 4. Orchard management plan. 5. EAB grant. 6. New building at Transfer Station for bottles/mall. 7. Full-moon walk/snowshoe details. 8. Bottles/Bottle duty. 9. Other duties. 10. Adjournment.

IX. <u>Adjournment</u>. Marian moved to adjourn at 9:00. Linda T. seconded. All in favor. Next meeting January 7, 2019, 7:00 pm, Town Hall

Submitted by Marian Cawley