

Corinth Conservation Commission Minutes January 7, 2019 Unapproved

Members present: Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier. Brad Wheeler. Members absent: Lindle Sutton

Guests: George Burge, Ginny Barlow, Ken Arkind.

Meeting called to order 7:03pm

Action Items: Dina will make posters for the snowshoe/full moon walk and the tracking walk.

Dina will call WRVS to see about busing students to Roots school for tracking workshop. Marian will post these on LRN.

I. Agenda Changes. Green Up first, then EAB Grant. Add tree pruning

II. Dec. 3, 2018 minutes . Dina moved to approve the minutes, Jon seconded. All in favor.

III. Public comment. Mr. Burge expressed interest in the CCC in particular the Town Forest.

IV. Green Up Day planning. Ken Arkind enthusiastically offered to lead the Green Up Day activities again. Many thanks. Topics discussed were: another intern, T-shirts, bags, prizes, tires, sign up process. Ken will contact Oxbow High School and Thetford Academy to seek an intern who might want to do this project as community service. Bags will be at the Town Hall and the Library. The Green Up T-shirts were all taken but we have no idea of whether people wore them on Green up Day. Costs will be compared to have the date on them or not. Feeling was to continue having the T-shirts but perhaps charge a small fee: \$1? The kiosk winner plaque will be continued and perhaps also have a basket of goodies from Crossmolina, Mountain View Winery, Blythedale cheese, Slack syrup?? Ok to have a "team" win the plaque. Tire disposal money still to be paid by the town; there is \$300 to be voted on at Town Meeting but it will go into the CCC account. There will be a Sign Up map at Town Meeting. Perhaps the town newsletter could include a way to mail in or email in sign up choices.

V. Tracking Walk. March 16 was selected for the Roots School's Sarah and Brad to have two groups of 10 each from 9-12 and 1-4. \$350 for the day. Brad has no experience with Waits River Valley School. Dina will call the principal to explore how that tracking and natural observation workshop would fit into the curriculum for any particular grade and see if the school would pay to bus the students to the Roots school. CCC would pay \$600 for the whole day with two groups of students. Only boots would be needed.

VI. EAB grant . Ginny Barlow reported the state has grant money up to \$1,600 for a town to purchase iPads to document the location of ash trees on 30% of class 3 roads(49 miles) and all class 2 roads (22 miles). The application is due Jan. 31. Ginny is writing the grant.

VI. Full Moon snowshoe walk. Jon Spanier has offered his place from 7-9 for a FIRE, FOOD and FULL MOON walk. On January 20. There is a full moon eclipse that night for those who want to linger. Snowshoeing around the meadow under the full moon will be featured along with folks bringing finger food. Marian will send the notice out on LRN. Dina will make posters.

VII. Tree pruning. The maples along the road by the Center Road Cemetery need pruning. Ginny suggests having Peter Amber be paid to teach us how to prune them. Ginny will take the branches away. She suggests March 23.

IX. New Building at Transfer station. A building has been purchased that has two parts: warming "hut" for workers and room for "the Mall". Uncertain about how many months to run the Mall.

X. Orchard management Plan. Dina brought up that the plan needs to have the basic intentions/mission/purpose. Details of paying for services (mowing, pruning, soil tests), dealing with invasive chervil, dropped apples, mulching etc. need to be anticipated and described so that future caretakers have a model to follow. Dina feels strongly that a sign needs to be on the orchard land to welcome local pickers and warn that dropped apples must be washed. Concerned about insurance coverage.

XI. Bottle Duty. Jan. 12- Kevin Eaton, Jan. 19- Kevin Buchanan, Jan. 26- Linda Tobin, Feb. 2- Brad Wheeler

XII. Agenda for February 4, 2019 meeting: orchard management plan. Green Burial, Green Up Day, Tracking Walk and Full moon walk follow up and Bottle Duty.

XIII. Adjournment. 8:50 Glynn moves to adjourn. Dina seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by Dina DuBois