

Corinth Conservation Commission minutes February 4, 2019 Unapproved

Members present: Jon Spanier, Kevin Eaton, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Brad Wheeler, Glynn Pelligrino, Dina DuBois. Member absent. Absent Kevin Buchanan, Lindle Sutton. Guest: Chris Groschner

I.Meeting called to order 7:05

ACTION ITEMS: Dina will organize Green Burial Forum. Dina will email Orchard management plan comments to members. Brad will coordinate with ROOTS School/WRVS tracking. Post on LRN the public tracking walk

II. Agenda changes. Bottles Apple pruning, agenda for next meeting, Mushroom walk. Under other business.

III. Approval of Jan. minutes. Kevin asked to underline number IV, V, X. Change number VI to VII. Glynn moved to approve. Linda seconded. All in favor.

III. Public comment. Chris Groschner reported that he will ask the select board to write a letter to the land owner adjacent to the West Corinth Cemetery asking if she would be willing to sell that to the town as a green burial site. This would provide an inexpensive and alternative way for burial in this rural community.

Discussions followed about CCC looking into having an educational forum on this topic. That will be announced during the town meeting by Glenn. During other business at town meeting Chris will inquire if people are interested in green burial in Corinth. Such a purchase would have to be budgeted for in November budget meetings.

IV. Green Burial. Dina has been in touch with Green Burial Vermont and will organize with them when to put on the public educational forum and what the format will be. March 30 and 31st was suggested or perhaps in April. How long would the program be? If it were to be in April it could go into the town newsletter for April, May, June. The Select Board would meet with the cemetery commission to explore by law changes for green burial in a town cemetery.

V. Tracking Walks. Roots School will do *two Tracking Walks* March 16: 9-12 and 1-4 with 12 in each group. Brad will post the walk on LRN the week of Feb. 18 for the first posting and handle reservations, directions and questions. *WRVS tracking workshop/walk* will be worked out with Sarah and Brad and Sue Pratt at WRVS. WRVS principal was willing to pay for buses to take the students to the school but that may be too complex. Roots School's Sarah and Brad are willing to go to the school to do the workshop. Glynn moved to allocate \$600 for the WRVS educational tracking workshop. Seconded by Kevin Eaton. All in favor.

VI. Green Up Day. Ken reported he has explored contributions for the Green Up Day award of a basket of local goodies. Melissa Eaton will pursue T-shirts for this year as she did last year.

VII. Orchard management Plan. Dina will email her comments to members. Glynn stated the three things that stand out: keep up mowing, management of drops and picking, physical management- Pruning, managing the fruit, invasives. CCC is overseeing body but good to form a group to work on the management plan. Glynn moved to form a group to help with the orchard management plan. Seconded by Jon. All in favor.

VIII. Town Meeting. Glynn will give the CCC report and mention the tracking walk and green burial forum.

IX. Bottles. Kevin E reported on the possible bottle pick up by Vermont Redemption. Because what is needed for that would be too burdensome for transfer station use, the CCC will continue to bring the bottles to Bradford. Discussion continued on old bags and cans for use and whether to get large clear strong plastic bags. Feb.9- Jon, Feb 16- Marian, Feb.23- Dutton or Brad, Mar. 2 Kevin B.

X. Maple pruning. Peter Amber will prune the maple trees along the Center Road cemetery and show folks how to prune them. Ginny will take the branches. Glynn moved to pay him \$250 for the work. Marian seconded. All in favor.

XII. Mushroom walk. Brad is investigating the group called Mushroom Forager to walk with 18 people. Possible dates Sept.14 or 15, Aug.3 or, July 27 or 28. \$400 for two hours.10-noon. Dina asked why we don't ask people to pay for these walks. We have money from bottle redemption.

XIII. Other business. Kevin moved to reimburse Brad \$39.95 for bags. Linda seconded. All in favor.

XIV. Agenda for next meeting March 4, 2019 7:00 Town Hall.

1. Call to order.2. Agenda changes, 3. Green Burial, 4. Orchard Management, 5.Roots school update, 6.Mushroom walk, 7.pruning, 8.Green Up Day, 9.events,10. Bottles, 11. Other business. 12.Agenda

Submitted by Dina DuBois