Corinth Conservation Commission minutes March 4, 2019- unapproved

Members present: Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Jon Spanier, Brad Wheeler, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley

Absent: Lindle Sutton. Guests: Chris Groschner, Ken Arkind

I.Call to order: &:04 by Glynn Pellagrino

<u>Action items</u>. Ken LRN notice of Green Up map for library, Dina: posters for Green burial forum FACEBOOK posting, town website postingCCC Minutes and LRN notices for that. Forum set up: Marian- coffee, Dina- tea and will ask Renee to make donuts and contact Michelle at Green Burial.Brad will set up chairs .Brad will post on LRn about maple tree pruning.Glen. call Asa re bottles.

II. Agenda changes: add at end of list: Upper Valley Conservation Commission conference,

Emerald Ash Borer, Arbor day, Town Meeting

III. <u>Public comment</u>. Chris Groschner reported that the select board has sent a letter to the owner of the property next to the West Corinth Cemetery to see if the town could purchase the property for use as a green burial cemetery.

IV. <u>Green Up Day</u>. Ken reported the sign up road map is in Town Hall for sign up on town Meeting day and for the month. Maps will be at the transfer station each Saturday. Map for sign up will go to the library in April. That will be put on LRN for the change of location of the map. T-shirts will be handed out to each bag person at the transfer station. Incentives: Most bags, plaque with name on the forest kiosk, second prize for most bags by 1 or 2 people is a basket of local goods: pizza(Crosmolina Farm), cheese (Blythdale farm),eggs (Hop 'n Goat farm) wine (Mountain view wine).maybe give raffle tickets out at transfer station for a prize of maple syrup. Ken will ask Nancy to put a clip out coupon in the newsletter to send in road sign up. Kevin E. moved to reimburse Ken \$96.40 for Green Up t-shirts. Seconded by Marian. All in favor.

V. Roots School Tracking Walk. Brad reported on sign up for the tracking walk led by the ROOTS School March 16.

VI. <u>Mushroom walk</u>. Brad also reported that <u>Mushroom Foragers</u> will lead a mushroom hunt Sept. 15.No more than 18 participants. He thought perhaps at his place as he knows the locations. Dina suggested that the town forest might have places to look for mushrooms in Sept. Brad agreed to look at the forest with that in mind and thought perhaps along the red trail.

VII. <u>Green Burial Forum</u>. Saturday march 30 from 3-5 was chosen for the forum. CCC members will set up at 2:30. Documentary screening, power point presentation and questions will be handled by the Green Burial Vermont. Dina is coordinating with Michelle, posting posters, listing on LRN and FACEBOOK.

VIII. Orchard management plan, A volunteer team to work on the management plan will be solicited during volunteer spring clean up of the orchard. Dina is concerned about the need for an orchard sign to insure that any liability will be covered. She will ask the select board if she can go to the town insurance agent to see what might be necessary for clarity of orchard uses.

VIII. Pruning. The maple trees by the cemetery on Center Road will be pruned

March 23. Brad will put out that notice on LRN if anyone wants to learn about pruning.

IX.Bottles. March 9 Dutton, Mar. 16 Asa Porter, Mar. 23 Glynn, March 30 Kevin Eaton,

X. <u>Upper Valley Conservation Commission Gathering</u>: March 19, 2019. Climate change adaptation topic. Will meet at the Cartoon Studies school in White River Junction. Need to pay our dues to be a member.

XI. <u>Emerald Ash Tree Borer</u>. Grant to buy three tablets for mapping ash tree locations/inventory has been given by the Vermont Department of Urban and Community Forestry.

XII. <u>Arbor Day.</u> Glynn announced May 2, 2019 Montpelier at Vermont College. The Vermont Arbor Day Conference welcomes the stewards of Vermont's urban trees and community forests to enhance their technical skills, discuss relevant topics in urban forestry, and network with professionals and volunteers engaged in urban and community forestry.