

Corinth Conservation Commission
September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Bradley Wheeler, Ken Arkind, Marian Cawley, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan

Absent: Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Lindle Lawton-Sutton

Guest: Ginny Barlow (2nd half)

Action items: **Ken:** Try to come up with more specific language regarding wildlife corridors to submit to the PC
Kevin B: Speak to B. Machin about who might be able to assist/advise us re wildlife corridors
Brad: Post one more mushroom foray announcement on the local resource network

I. Call to order: 7:10

II. Agenda Changes: missing receipt for a FarmWay gift cert (add to Bottles); invoice for tree pruning and brush removal (add after Bottles)

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Approval of August minutes: Marian moved to approve, Glynn seconded, All in favor.

V. Corinth Town Plan: Ken and Glynn attended the Planning Commission (PC) meeting on 9/5. They felt that language was not specific enough about wildlife corridors or our role in identifying them and protecting them. Per Act 171, we must have a future land use plan in our Town plan in order to be approved by the Regional Planning Commission. Act 250 uses the Town Plan when reviewing applications to ensure that the development is consistent with the Town's policies. Ken raised the issue of the wildlife corridors at the PC meeting, and they said that if we wanted to add more specific language we should submit some for their approval. Ken agreed to take a stab at it. At last meeting, we had discussed holding an educational forum(s) to help people understand the importance of maintaining these corridors; utilizing the VT ANR Biofinder mapping program to identify the corridors and then speak to the landowners about either conserving or protecting these areas on their own property; seeking a grant from the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission for mapping (they have mapping experts who might be able to help). Ben Machin was mentioned by Ginny as a possible resource. Kevin B. will speak to him. The PC will be submitting their plan to the Selectboard at their (SB's) next meeting. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

VI. Town Orchard: Dina urged the CCC to do some fall orchard maintenance – picking up drops and picking the apples. We had also agreed to put a sign up in the orchard. Ginny says maintenance should happen soon and has agreed to head up an orchard subcommittee. We will help her recruit members. She encourages us to read the book she lent us: The Apple Grower: A Guide for the Organic Orchardist, by Michael Phillips, in particular, the section about diseases and pests. There are things we can do immediately to improve things.

VII. Mushroom Foray: Ari Rockland-Miller, from Chittenden County, will lead the walk. His web site is The Mushroom Forager. Brad will post the event on the LRN once more this week. He has 10 people already. The limit is 18. He will encourage people to meet promptly at the Town Forest, as we only have 2 hours.

VIII. Transfer Station: Glynn met with Lee Porter and Joe Blodgett. They plan to have the Transfer Station moved to its new location by October 19. Glynn showed a chart of where the trailer and recycling will be. We're the last stop in the U-shaped loop. We had agreed to take responsibility for landscaping the berm between the road and the station, but both landscaping and trailer painting can wait till spring. Ginny will give some thought as to what plants would be hardy, attractive, and appropriately sized. If we HAVE time, we may prime the trailer this fall.

IX. Bottles: Kevin E. will try to set things up so that checks get sent directly to the treasurer. Kevin B. bought contractor bags. Linda purchased \$25 gift certs to FarmWay for Dan Wing, Asa Porter, and Dutton Vought, and a \$100 gift cert for Jeff Flye. She is missing one of the receipts, but may be able to get a copy from FarmWay for accounting purposes.

Bottle duty: 8/10 - Kevin B.; 8/17 - Brad; 8/24 - Ginny Barlow; 8/31 - Lindle; 9/7 - Glynn

I don't think this is correct??.?I know I have bottles on 10/5....

IX.5. The bill for pruning and brush removal from Amber Tree Services was submitted to Chris G. (who visited from the concurrent Selectboard meeting), as it had been wrongly sent to Glynn.

X. Adjournment: 8:50 - Marian moved, Kevin E. seconded, All in favor.