

Corinth Conservation Commission Minutes - February 3, 2020

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Bradley Wheeler, Ken Arkind, Marian Cawley, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan
Absent: Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Jon Spanier

I. Call to order: 7:07

II. Approval of January minutes: Marian moved to approve, Ken seconded, All in favor.

III. Glynn opened with a discussion of CCC coordinating with Blake Memorial Library to sponsor a presentation by Sue Morse on climate change impacts on wildlife. Glynn will be discussing more with BML to solidify details. Kevin E. suggested we consider working with Roots School to develop additional workshop ideas that the CCC can sponsor.

IV. Act 171. Ken presented two ideas of moving forward with preparations for implementing Act 171: 1) an April presentation by Jens Hilke to discuss habitat corridor and forest blocks and 2) an August presentation in the town forest with VT F&WS to discuss wildlife habitat, etc..., with possible input from Markus Bradley of Redstart. Ken also stressed the importance of working with the Planning Commission to advance the objectives of Act 171, and Glynn said that the PC is required to work on the Act 171 mandate. Ken or another CCC member will try to go to the next PC meeting. An ad hoc subcommittee was proposed. Marian, Kevin B. and Lindle were mentioned as possible members of this subcommittee.

V. Budget issues. The town will give the CCC \$400 to cover Green Up Day expenses, but not the normal \$200 donation toward the CCC's general budget. Glynn stated that his hope is that the \$200 contribution will be restored next year.

VI. Tracking Walk. The non-WRVS session is set for March 8 at Roots School. WRVS is working on setting a date for their tracking day.

VII. Green Up Day. Ken is planning a 50th anniversary party on Green Up Day. May 2, 1:00-5:00 at the town hall. He is seeking vendors to provide food, etc..., possibly Dan Wing or Fritz Gross to make pizza on their wood-fired outdoor ovens. CCC approved spending up to \$300 for tee shirts, water bottles, totes or some other Green Up Day promotional items. Ken will make a plan for what will be purchased and email around to other CCC members to review. Marian will be talking with Thetford Academy about having a student help with Green Up day as their community service requirement.

VIII. Transfer Station. Glynn reported that the transfer station is being reorganized to improve traffic flow, etc.... The trailer will likely be moved and the bottle collection cans as well. In the interim, Ken will move the cans to the other end of the recycling bins in hopes of reducing the damage they are undergoing in their present location.

VIII. Bottle Duty: 2/8 Asa; 2/15 Kevin E.; 2/22 Kevin B; 2/29 Ken

IX. Adjournment: 9:02