

Corinth Conservation Commission  
June 1, 2020 meeting minutes

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Ken Arkind, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanon Lindle Sutton.

Absent: Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

Approval of May minutes, Kevin Eaton moved, Marian seconded w/ amendments

Green Up Day follow up. Ken reported that we had the same number of sign-ups and participants as last year, but the total number of bags brought in was lower 98 bags over all. We took in a large number of returnable bottles, the money from which the CCC will donate to the Corinth food bank. It was a tie for the most bags brought in by one team between the Durham ditch Pickers and the Taplin Hill Crew. Both teams will get their name on the plaque in the Town forest. Jeffery Hoots and Mary Dallett won the individual with the most bags. Green Up Vermont gave the town a maple sapling and certificate for a cake from Shaw's (which Ken exchanged for cupcakes due to COVID-19 ). There won't be a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Green Up day party due to the virus. We still have about 30 water bottles to hand out which were also supposed to be given out at the celebration.

Summer Trail work: We discussed which trails to work on first. Lindle will walk the Clement Loop trail and report on its condition. Then we will focus on the Town Forest trails later in the summer or Fall. A date for a work day was set for Sunday July 12 at 9:00 am. Marian will post on LRN.

Discussion of Act 171 and identifying important forest blocks and wildlife connectivity corridors in town was next on the agenda. Ken said he will contact Jens Hilke about a tutorial on biofinder to help us with the identification of these areas in town. We will also look into the maps the planning commission put together. Then we will follow up with education and outreach to town landowners.

Lindle filled us in a little about a parcel of land that is now for sale on Abe Jacobs road. It is a large property: 225 acres of fields and forest. Discussion was had about possibly finding away to conserve the property. Lindle will follow up with some of the land trusts to see if there is interest and funds. We will consider further at our next meeting.

It was decided we could restart collection of returnable bottles at the transfer station. Starting on 6/7. Ken also said that Dutton Vought offered to move the kiosk from the old transfer station to the new one on Brook road when we are ready. Ken will speak with Joe Blodgett about the new location. Bottle duty: 6/7 Kevin E, 6/13 Lindle, 6/20 Marian, 6/27 Brad, 7/6 Dutton V (Ken will contact).

Moved to adjourn by Glynn at 8:30 Marian seconded.