

## Corinth Conservation Commission

July 6, 2020 meeting minutes

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Kevin Buchanan, Lindle Sutton

Absent: Brad Wheeler, Ken Arkind, Kevin Eaton

Guests: Geoff Hoots and Mary Dallett

### **Meeting called to order at 7:19 PM**

**Approval of June minutes:** Jon moved, Lindle seconded, all in favor

**Green Burial** (moved up on agenda for our guests): Geoff wanted to be on the Cemetery Commission for the express purpose of getting green burial – “traditional” or “natural” burial is a better way of putting it – added to the possible ways people can be buried in town. In the long term, there may come a time when we can use cemetery space for green burial, but in the meantime, for those who want it and don’t have space on their own property, would the CCC, as custodians of the Town Forest, agree to having green burial happen in the Town Forest? Geoff has emailed the Vermont Land Trust to ask if that would even be allowed. According to the Selectboard, we have liability insurance for it, but they are checking to be sure. Brad has weighed in on soils in the Town Forest and thinks in the area to the west of the orange trail (west of points 6 & 7 on the map, no official trails) would work. The Cemetery Commission has sole say over whether green burial could happen there. Geoff will go to the Selectboard meeting next week and get some answers to his questions, then come back to us with a proposal. **Glynn moved to authorize Geoff to tell the Selectboard that CCC supports using the Town Forest as a burial site and bring us additional information as it becomes available. Jon seconded. All in favor.** Exit Geoff and Mary.

**Trail Maintenance:** Our Clement Loop day is this Sunday, 9-11. Marian will send out a post [done and corrected]. We will set a date for Town Forest trail maintenance at our next meeting. The Town Forest trails will require more work, as several trees are down along the Blue loop and the Orange trail. [Postscript: Glynn may be out of town on 7/12, so went to the trail and did all the chainsawing that needed to be done. Branches still need to be cleared. Thanks, Glynn!]

**Act 171:** Ken sent some materials to the Act 171 subcommittee via email. The committee is Kevin Buchanan, Marian, and Ken. Lindle is willing to help but does not want to be on the committee. We will discuss more when Ken is present.

**Trailer:** Joe Blodgett asked Glynn if the CCC would want a tractor trailer that was at David Carrier’s home to serve as our Mall. After some discussion, Glynn moved to pass on the trailer, Lindle seconded, all in favor.

**Transfer Station Planting:** We still need to do this. Lindle has some “Christmas-tree-type trees on her property that she could dig up (with Marian’s help if needed). This would work.

**Universal Composting Law:** We need to have more educational programs about this, but it probably will not happen till after the COVID virus is under control, or more under control.

**Bottles:** Linda will speak to the Redemption Center folks about saving our bags for us.

**Bottle Schedule:** 7/11, Toby and Linda; 7/18, Kevin B.; 7/25, Jon; 8/1, Lindle.

Glynn moved to adjourn at 8:30, Marian seconded, all in favor.

Next meeting: August 4.