

Corinth Conservation Commission  
September 14, 2020 meeting minutes

Present; Glynn Pellagrino, Marian Cawley, Jon Spanier, Kevin Eaton, Linda Tobin, Brad Wheeler. Dina DuBois (public)  
Absent; Ken Arkind, Kevin Buchanan, Lindle Sutton.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by chair Glynn Pellagrino. The meeting was held outside on the town hall porch due to covid19 restrictions. Minutes of the August minutes were approved, Glynn moved the motion, Marian seconded.

First item of discussion was bottles collected at the transfer station for income for the CCC. We have had issues with people taking the bottles before we could collect them ourselves. We discussed moving the bottles to inside the storage trailer so it could be locked, but that solution is problematic because of access into the trailer. No change will be made for now. We also discussed covering the garbage cans to protect them from the weather in the winter and maybe enclosing them somehow. To be revisited.

We confirmed that \$300.00 of bottle money collected from Green Up Day would be donated to the Topsham/Corinth food shelter. Which was voted on at the August meeting. Kevin Eaton will follow up with Dick Kelly (new Treasurer for the town). **Bottle duty: 9/19 Kevin E, 9/26 Kevin B, 10/3 Marian.**

Act 171 follow up. Glynn relayed a message from Ken Arkind who met with Miranda Miller Moody at the library to test out the biofinder program so we can identify properties that have important wildlife corridors and forest block connectivity value. Ken will follow up when the library is open for use.

Natural burials, Glynn spoke with Norm Collette who is on the Cemetery Commission to get an update of their activities on the issue. The Cemetery Commission is working on a by-law change to allow the possibility of natural burials at some locations in the town cemeteries. No further information about the use of the Town Forest for natural burials has developed yet as we wait to hear from the UVLT. Dina DuBois suggested that we have a town forum on the use of the Town Forest for Natural (green) burials as some people may not like the idea. All were in agreement that we should do that in the future.

FX Shea Town Forest trail work needed. Glynn suggested we might want to form a trail committee to spread the burden of keeping up with the trail work. Jon Spanier and Ken Arkind did some chainsaw work on a couple of trails where some large trees had blown down. Jon reported the trails are in need of a lot of work as there are many trees down. We set a trail work day for Saturday October 10 at 10:00 am. Glynn will post it on the LRN. We will meet at the town hall and arrange transportation to the forest. We discussed the parking issue, which is limited at the town forest. Dina mentioned that she had gotten permission to park at a residence by the entrance to the forest for the story walk, that was held in the forest by the Blake Memorial Library. The story walk went very well but Dina had to arrange to do some clearing around the entrance which had been over grown and to do some trail clearing to make sure the walk route was open. She also mentioned that the gate into the forest was open and is usually closed and that we need to post the hunting sign so that people are aware that hunting happens in the town forest.

Town Orchard: There is a need to post a sign about picking at your own risk. The apple crop this year was very light, so Ginny Barlow picked some apples and drops and left them out by the post office for people to take. A few of the trees are showing signs of disease or insect damage and may need to be replace. Mention was made of some manure run off from the farm field behind the orchard, the select board is looking in to this.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56.  
Submitted by Glynn Pellagrino