

**Corinth Conservation Commission**  
**December 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes (unapproved)**  
**7:00 PM Via free conference call**  
**Call in Number 1 (602) 610-2091 access code 655653**

**Present:** Glynn Pellagrino, Kevin Eaton, Ken Arkind, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Jon Spanier, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley

**Absent:** Bradley Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan

1. **Call to order @ 7:05.**
2. **Approval of November and October minutes:** Glynn moved to accept the November minutes as written, and Ken seconded. Kevin E. moved to accept the October minutes, and Jon seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.
3. **Agenda Changes:** see **Other Business.**
4. **Public comment:** We received a thank you from Nancy Frost for our donation to the Corinth-Topsham New Hope Food Shelf. This contribution represented our Green-Up month bottle collection money.
5. **Act 171 Forest blocks and wildlife corridors.** Ken sent drafts of education pieces regarding “high-priority forest corridors” to the rest of the Commission for comments. These pieces will appear in the Annual Report (deadline around 12/20) and in the winter town newsletter. Ken also sent us a blurb from the Vermont Land Trust about the Shutesville Hill Wildlife Corridor. VLT is working in cooperation with 12 to 13 other organizations to identify and protect wildlife corridors. Glynn noted that we could do something along Route 25. Lindle interjected about the Abe Jacobs property. She has been in contact with Jens and Bob Link, who are familiar with the property and tout it as part of one of the highest-priority corridors in the state. She has also spoken with the new owners of the property about Biofinder and conservation and feels that they would be receptive, as long as we take a friendly, nonthreatening approach. Ken noted that we could base the approach for the Abe Jacobs property on the model used in the Shutesville Hill project (in Stowe), a copy of which was sent to CCC members. In addition we will continue the plan for sending out a bulk mailing educating folks about Biofinder, importance of preserving wildlife corridors (and what a gem we have here in Corinth), and what their options are. We could include personal notes as needed. Glynn points out that we could perhaps help offset some of the legal costs of conserving land, but that this would require fundraising. / **Lindle will write to the new Abe Jacobs property owners and will contact Jens for help as needed.** If the new owners plan to develop the land, we might talk to them about mitigating the effects on the continuity of the corridor (which goes all the way to Fairlee). Ken’s blurb about Act 171 will appear on a separate page of the Town Report, but adjacent to Glynn’s blurb about the CCC. He has already submitted his newsletter piece. Jon asked about the feasibility of creating a map similar to the one in the Shutesville Hill brochure—Ken says we can get Biofinder printouts showing the corridors, forest blocks, and priorities.
6. **Bottles/Transfer Station:** Glynn, Ken, and Kevin E. spent several hours over the weekend of 11/13 building two 4-trashcan racks. Building material costs for the racks came to \$183.56. That gives us room for two more trashcans, which we will purchase. **Jon moved to spend \$100.00 for new cans. Glynn seconded. Kevin E. moved to approve the purchase of rack materials. Ken seconded. Kevin E. moved to approve, and Lindle seconded, Glynn’s invoice for \$12.99 for trash bags.** All three motions passed unanimously. Glynn will bring some baling twine to the Transfer Station to tie the covers to the cans. We also discussed putting a roof over the racks, but decided to revisit the question at next meeting. (Lindle and Marian missed their opportunity to plant trees on the berm, but will do so in the spring. The plan is to plant spruce trees (something that doesn’t require much care). In addition, Lindle proposes planting sunflowers near our trailer to prevent erosion.))
7. **Bottle duty: 12/12, Glynn; 12/19, Dutton (Glynn will contact); 12/26, Ken; 1/2, Kevin E.**
8. **FX Shea Town forest:** Kevin E. talked to Joe Blodgett about Town Forest signs. These could be added to existing roadsign posts or we can purchase our own posts, two at the beginning of Coppermine Road (one for each direction) and one at the bottom of Wilson Road. The signs are \$20 each and independent posts would be \$27 each. **Kevin E. moved to allow an expenditure of at most \$150.00 from our Town Forest money in case we do have to use separate posts (for visibility). Jon seconded. All in favor.** Kevin will order the signs with Joe B. If necessary, we will wait till spring to install them.
9. **Other business:** *Budget:* Glynn submitted to the Selectboard our request for \$400 for Green Up Day and \$200

for the CCC for the budget meeting. / *Town Report*: Glynn will write up the CCC blurb for this. *Corinth Community Coalition*: Glynn sent a message to Geoff Spiegel about sharing bottle revenue and responsibility. Geoff was receptive and will speak to his group about this. We are just exploring this possibility. Lindle and Marian noted that this is our only source of revenue. / *Marian is stepping down from the CCC*.

**10.Adjournment @ 8:40.**

*Respectfully submitted, Marian Cawley*