

Corinth Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)  
January 2, 2012

Present: Earl Adams, Anne Margolis, Frank Roderick, Ginny Barlow, Linda Tobin, Kerry DeWolfe, Shari Tkac

Absent: Martha Rosten, Emily Rowe

Ginny Barlow chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:05.

1. The minutes from the December 5 meeting were reviewed. Frank moved to accept the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Frank reported that the budget committee approved the Conservation Commission's request for \$500, which will go on the town warning for voter approval.
3. Kerry will set up a Corinth Gmail account. She also paid \$35 to VT Trails and Greenways for Corinth 2012 membership, and she'll bring in the paperwork for our records and to submit to the Treasurer for reimbursement.
4. Shari will check with Renee at the East Corinth General Store about putting up a bottle sign designating which bottles are from the CCC.
5. Schedule for picking up bottles at the transfer station for the next few weeks:

Jan 7	Frank
Jan 14	Anne
Jan 28	Ginny
Dec 31	Kerry
Feb 4	Shari
6. The Cookeville Mall is still very lively. Jane Connor is doing the staffing scheduling through April, but we'll need someone after that. The summer hours of 9 a.m. to noon will begin May 1.
7. Ben Kilham's program on bears will take place 2/24/12. Anne will double-check what he needs and create a poster, post a notice on our listserv as well

as send it to the LRN listserv and the Bradford Conservation Commission. Linda and Shari will help distribute posters.

8. Steve Long's forest management program will take place 4/27/12. It will be called "More Than a Woodlot." Kerry will email Norm Collette to reserve the town hall for that date.
9. Ginny will contact Sharon Plumb about an invasive plants workshop; Linda has left a message with Peggy Fogg about a native plants program; Earl has contacted Rich Kern of VT F&W about a stream program, along with Jim McCartney of F&W, a stream restoration specialist. In addition, Trout Unlimited is having a meeting soon, and Earl will try to attend and find out if they can do a slideshow or an outdoor workshop, maybe on the South Branch of the Waits near the Cawleys. Ginny will contact Alcott Smith about another tracking program. And Kerry will follow up with Dave Richard about orienteering.

Ginny asked if anyone might want to go to Clement Loop to clean out the birdhouses before March. Anne needs to get a new map made and bring over some more brochures.

10. Ginny suggested the East Corinth walking group might want to help out with a "Walking Tours of Corinth" guidebook.
11. Shari motioned to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Frank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Kerry will ask Fritz Gross & Val Stori about a mushroom program in September.

Minutes taken by Ginny Barlow and Anne Margolis

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Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)  
February 6, 2012

Present: Emily Rowe, Frank Roderick, Ginny Barlow, Kerry DeWolfe, Shari Tkac

Absent: Martha Rosten, Earl Adams, Anne Margolis, Linda Tobin

Ginny Barlow chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:07.

1. The minutes from the January 2 meeting were reviewed. Kerry moved to accept the minutes as presented. Frank seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Kerry reported that she created [corinthconscom@gmail.com](mailto:corinthconscom@gmail.com) for the committee. She has also set up a google calendar connected with that address that all can access and update. She will update with committee events.
3. The bottle program was reviewed. Revenues are down substantially and it is unclear why. Shari had collected \$76 from the East Corinth Store that Ginny will deliver to Susan Fortunati to deposit. Shari also bought new bags which she will drop off at the collection site on Saturday.
4. Schedule for picking up bottles at the transfer station for the next few weeks:

Feb 11	Frank
Feb 18	Kerry
Feb 25	Emily
Mar 3	Ginny
5. As of May 1 the Cookeville Mall will need a scheduler. All will increase their efforts to recruit a replacement for Jane Connor.
6. Ben Kilham's program on bears will take place 2/24/12. Shari will arrive early to assist with set up and will purchase coffee to serve. Anne will have a notice placed in the Journal Opinion. All present took posters to distribute.
7. Martha is reconsidering her membership on the committee. Ginny will talk with her to help her clarify her feelings.

8. Emily will have a display set up on Town Meeting Day for people to sign up for Green Up Day, which is May 5. The Cookeville Café is scheduled for the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup>, so the plan is for Emily to speak to Norm to see if the raffle can take place at the café.
9. Ginny will contact Val Stori to make sure that the Town Forest events get into the school newsletter. Presently the following are scheduled: 2/21 Family tracking; 2/28 Sugar Maple Pre School; 3/21 Winter Tree Identification.
10. The following program investigation is ongoing: Ginny, invasive species; Linda, edible and medicinal plants; Earl, stream reclamation; Kerry, orienteering with Dave Richard.
11. Ginny will do reconnaissance re: bird house cleaning on the Clement trail to determine the equipment required as well as the specific locations.
12. Kerry motioned to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Shari seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Kerry DeWolfe

Corinth Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2012

Present: Emily Rowe, Frank Roderick, Ginny Barlow, Kerry DeWolfe, Shari Tkac,  
Earl Adams, Anne Margolis, Linda Tobin, Gabe Zoerheide

Ginny Barlow chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:06.

1. The minutes from the February 6 meeting were reviewed. Linda moved to accept the minutes as presented. Frank seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Ginny advised the committee of Martha Rosten's resignation. (It was noted that her term was also about to expire.) Earl moved to accept her resignation and Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed. Frank moved that we ask the selectboard to appoint Gabe Zoerheide to the committee. Shari seconded the motion and all were in favor. Gabe was welcomed to the committee. Ginny agreed to assume the responsibilities as treasurer.
3. Revenue was reviewed. On 2/17 Ginny received \$76.44 in bottle money. This date, Shari remitted \$10.00 in additional bottle money to Ginny. On 2/27 \$115.00 was received from donations at the Ben Kilham program. Ben is owed \$274 and Shari made a motion, seconded by Emily, that he be paid. All were in favor. Anne agreed to forward an invoice to Susan Fortunati for payment.
4. The bottle program was reviewed. Revenues remain down substantially – 200+% - and it is unclear why. Ginny and Shari will investigate the situation to try to determine the reasons for the reduction in income. Linda will make a sign for the ECGS bottle drop off site to minimize confusion about which bottles are the committee's.
5. Schedule for picking up bottles at the transfer station for the next few weeks:

March 10	Anne
March 17	Linda
March 24	Ginny
March 31	Emily
April 7	Frank

6. As of May 1 the Cookeville Mall will need a scheduler. All will increase their efforts to recruit a replacement for Jane Connor.
7. Town Forest committee. Frank and Emily will check to ensure coordination of email lists and announcements with Val Stori.
8. Town Meeting: All are urged to advocate at the meeting for the Town to award the Committee \$500. According to Susan Fortunati, the January minutes mistakenly reported that the Town Budget Committee made the recommendation for this award. Apparently, in fact, it was the Select board that voted to warn the issue. The minutes are so amended.
9. Programs: Lives of the Loon with John Rockwood is scheduled for 3/30/2012. Posters were distributed for posting. Steve Long's woodlot talk is scheduled for April 27. In terms of future programs, Ginny reported that Alcott Smith is willing to do a workshop on local wildlife (animal). Ginny will follow through and see if a June date can be organized.
10. Ginny will be ordering approximately 25 invasive species brochures. There general discussion about the possibility of selling these and/or have an invasive species program.
11. Earl is researching stream sites for trout habitat improvement. According to Earl, a 600 foot stretch of stream is needed. The plan is to do an emailing seeking land owners who would be interested in this.
12. Linda has spoken to Peggy Fogg about an edible plant program. She is willing to do this at no charge. Linda will confirm with Peggy a date for a Saturday or Sunday morning in August.
13. Emily will have a display set up on Town Meeting Day for people to sign up for Green Up Day, which is May 5. The Cookeville Café is scheduled for the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup>, so the plan is for Emily to speak to Norm to see if the raffle can take place at the café. Emily may not be available on May 5<sup>th</sup> to be at the dump. Ginny has agreed to be available.
14. Randy McFarland cleaned the bird houses on the Clement trail. Apparently some were occupied last year.

15. The first Saturday in June is National Trail Day. The Committee will plan a trail work day for June 2, 2012.
16. Anne motioned to adjourn at 7:58.m. Linda seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Kerry DeWolfe  
Approved April 2, 2012

Corinth Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2012

Present: Earl Adams, Anne Margolis, Frank Roderick, Ginny Barlow, Emily Rowe, Linda Tobin, Gabe Zoerheide

Absent: Shari Tkac, Kerry DeWolfe

Ginny Barlow chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. The minutes from the March 5, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Frank made a motion to approve the March minutes, with the amendment that we asked the Selectboard to appoint Gabe (rather than that we appointed Gabe). Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Ginny will take \$105 to Susan from the donation bottle, which includes a \$10 donation from Randy McFarline from his birdhouse sales. The CCC will reimburse \$16 to Anne for the trash barrel she purchased next time the donation jar fills up.
3. Ginny relayed issues with the CCC bottle collection. It looks like ECGS will only take bottles from brands they sell henceforth. Ginny had started to move our collected bottles to Bradford. Frank will talk with Renee this weekend to see if we can work something out where they set aside bottles from brands they don't sell so that we can take them to Bradford for further processing.
3. Schedule for picking up bottles at the transfer station for the next few weeks:
  - 4/7 Frank
  - 4/14 Anne
  - 4/21 Gabe
  - 4/28 Ginny
  - 5/5 Linda
4. Cookeville Mall Schedule (we're going to take turns covering two months' of scheduling duties each starting now; the Mall will be open 9-12 on Saturdays starting in May):
  - May/June: Ginny will do the scheduling
  - July/August: Linda will do the scheduling
  - September/October: Emily will do the scheduling
5. The invoice for the loon program was \$320, including travel. Anne made a motion to approve the invoice; Linda seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Ginny will deliver it to Susan.
6. Town Forest: Frank said that Chris Groschner has volunteered to prepare a sign out of plate steel, cutting the letters out with a plasma cutter. A question about Sue's property tax bill has come up, but it should be all set (no taxes). The Town Forest Committee is



working on a vision statement and will welcome other ideas (perhaps they can solicit input with the next newsletter).

7. The next newsletter will cover May/June/July, and we'll need to get Nancy items in the last week of April. Perhaps we can include an item from Earl about seeking streambank planting hosts as well as something from Emily about Green-Up Day.
8. Events: Steve Long's More Than a Woodlot program will be 4/27; Emily will make a poster and email it around for us to print out and put up around town. Anne and Ginny will coordinate on the other publicity stuff. Anne emailed John Sutton about a bird walk; we'll just go ahead and schedule it if he's available and will simply send it out to the CCC list and ask for RSVPs. We might want to try Alcott Smith for September rather than May – so we'll keep it on the agenda.
9. Green-Up: We have permission to do a raffle drawing at the CHS music night on May 5, at the start of open mike (~8:30 p.m.). Emily will try to make an announcement about Green Up Day at the 4/7 CHS music event. For the raffle, 1 bag = 1 ticket. Emily is sending out the first round of requests for raffle prizes. She'll also try to get folks to sign up for their roads at the 4/7 music night.
10. Anne discussed map possibilities, such as marking where we've planted trees and willows, built trails, etc. on the copy of the property tax maps that we possess. Gabe will look into digital layers. Anne passed the property tax maps on to Earl so he can look at potential properties for streambank planting.
11. Regarding Earl's streambank planting letter, Ginny will review it and cut it down for the newsletter. She'll circulate a draft for our review.
12. June 2 is National Trails Day – should we have something at the Town Forest? The CCC could hand out brochures for the other trails.
13. We have the invasive plants guides, and we can sell them for \$4 (cost) or \$5. We will try for a walk with Mike or Courtney June 16. Anne suggested we pay \$50 for 2 hours.
14. The Thetford and West Fairlee CCs would like to partner. 2012 is the Year of the Tree. They have Tom Wessels coming to Thetford on April 26th; Ginny will circulate information and we will help them publicize it.

Anne moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Linda seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Anne Margolis

## Corinth Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2012

**Present:** Earl Adams, Frank Roderick, Ginny Barlow, Emily Rowe, Linda Tobin, Kerry DeWolfe  
**Absent:** Gabe Zoerheide, Shari Tkac, & Anne Margolis

*Ginny Barlow chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:00 p.m.*

The minutes from the April 2, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Linda made a motion to approve the minutes and Frank seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Ginny Barlow stepped down as chair of the commission and as a member. Emily Rowe was appointed as the new chair. Anne Margolis might be the new treasurer but Ginny still must confirm this as she was not present. Ginny will get the town hall key to Emily.

The Mall: the person who schedules the mall will be called the Mall Manager and will serve one term at a time for 2 month blocks. Manager will schedule Saturday coverage, clean and maintain the space, take books to Booked Solid, take other items to Listen or equivalent location.

Emily presented the Green Up Day Report. 135 bags collected plus 50 tires and other miscellaneous junk. Emily resigned as the Green Up Coordinator after serving for 3 years and a new coordinator is now sought after.

Frank presented the Town Forest report. Emily will remind him via email to send her the details for the email list.

Anne might have scheduled a bird event with John Sutton.

The schedule for collecting bottles at the transfer station for the next few weeks:

- 5/19: Kerry
- 5/26: Gabe
- 6/2: Linda.

Invasive Plants Workshop: June 16th. Kerry will contact Mike or Courtney.

Edible and medicinal plant workshop: June 20th Linda will meet with Peggy to plan the walk to take place August 18th

Thetford and West Fairlee conservation commissions want to coordinate with us. Emily will be their contact person and Ginny will let them know.

Linda suggests coordinate more with the town forest via Val Stori.

We still have a gift certificate to buy one more tree. Linda will ask Melinda about putting it in the triangle in her front yard.

Frank moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm Linda seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

*Minutes taken by Emily Rowe.*

*Corinth Conservation Commission*

*Corinth, Vermont*

*June 4, 2012 Minutes*

**Present:** Earl Adams, Frank Roderick, Emily Rowe, Linda Tobin

**Absent:** Anne Margolis, Kerry DeWolfe, Gabe Zoerheide, Sherry Tkac

**Minutes by:** Linda Tobin

*Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM*

The minutes from the May 14, 2012 meeting were edited and approved.

Commission received notice that Sherry Tkac has resigned.

Ann Mckinsey from East Corinth may be interested in being considered as a possible nominee. Keith Friedland is another possible nominee for the commission. Emily will further investigate both. If both nominees work out that would fill the nine commission positions.

It was mentioned that Becky B. may consider overseeing Green Up Day next year. Emily will follow up with Becky.

Kerry was unanimously elected to supervise the collection of returnable bottles, to insure that bags are available at the transfer station and to manage the relationship with the redemption center in Bradford. Linda agreed to check with Kerry to see if this would work out.

Linda will be assuming responsibility for Cookeville Mall volunteer schedule for July and August. Hours will be 9:00AM to 12 Noon, May 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Frank reported on the National Trails Day and presented an update on the Town Forest. Two hours of trail maintenance were done on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The CCC wants to coordinate with the Town Forest Group and this will be further discussed at our July meeting.

Earl's stream restoration letter was sent to all on our email list. The same letter is being sent to the Journal Opinion by Emily.

Linda reported that plans for the upcoming (August) Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants Workshop with Peggy Willey are in progress.

Emily will check with Kerry re: the possibility of an Orienteering Workshop with Dave Richard.

Emily referenced Ginny's previous email concerning a CCC "to do list". One of the items was a question regarding the involvement of CCC with respect to the maintenance of donated trees and another item being the gift certificate from Brown's Nursery.

Emily questioned should CCC continue with programs and progress as we have in the past? Frank suggested we wait to answer until we have more members on the commission.

Upcoming bottle schedule: June 9<sup>th</sup> – Frank; June 16<sup>th</sup> –Earl; June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Emily; June 30<sup>th</sup> – Kerry.

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM.*

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: September 17, 2012

Approved 10/1/12

Present: Anne Margolis, Kerry DeWolfe, Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick: Kerry DeWolfe prepared the minutes

The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:10 pm.

August minutes reviewed: Typos corrected and Anne Margolis was substituted for Ann McKinsey for the 8/18 bottle collection. Frank R move to approve the minutes as corrected. LT seconded and all were in favor.

The bottle collection assignments are as follows:

9/22 Kerry D  
9/29 Anne Margolis  
10/6 Ann McKinsey  
10/13 Frank R

Next meeting October 1, 2012.

Kerry D delivered \$42.30 in bottle redemption proceeds to Anne Margolis, treasurer. Kerry agreed she would generally pick up money from the redemption center prior to the monthly meetings.

Mall Management continues to be an issue. Kerry D will ask Louisa Sandberg, if she will take over management for the months of Nov and Dec. Everyone else agreed to think of others that might be suitable/willing.

Everyone to think about recruiting new members for leadership position given that Emily Rowe will be leaving. Kerry D will reach out to Sandy Spiegel. All members are to reach out to community members who might be interested to expand the pool of possible members.

Anne Margolis to check with Ann McKinsey about Gravestone talk. This weekend Anne Margolis and Kerry will meet to work on Roaring Ridge sign.

At 8:00 Anne Margolis moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Frank R and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08

Corinth Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2011

Present: Earl Adams, Anne Margolis, Frank Roderick, Ginny Barlow, Shari Tkac, Linda Tobin, Martha Rosten

Ginny Barlow chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:05.

(There wasn't a meeting September – we didn't have a quorum.)

1. Change in personnel: Penny Andrew and Steve Long have both resigned from the Conservation Commission. They both have contributed a great deal and will be missed. Kerry DeWolfe and Emily Rowe have expressed interest in joining the CC. All voted in favor of inviting them to join. Ginny will contact them and, assuming they both agree to join us, Frank will request that the Selectboard appoint them at their September Selectboard meeting.
2. The minutes from the August meeting were approved as presented.
3. Schedule for picking up bottles at the transfer station for the next few weeks:
  - 10.8 Frank
  - 10.15 Anne
  - 10.22 Ginny
  - 10.29 Earl
  - 11.5 Shari

The 4H Club got \$200 from us for collecting bottles during the month of August. That has all been taken care of.

4. Cookeville Mall. Winter hours, from 10 to 11 am, will begin on November 5. Linda will make a new sign. Ginny will do the scheduling.
5. Mary Holland program on November 4. Ginny distributed posters for people to put up. Anne will do the JO, the Times Argus, and the Valley News. Ginny will contact Louise about her JO column, put a note in The Bridge, contact the LRN list, send the information to Nancy Jones of the Bradford CC, and send a note to our email list. Linda will put a note in the BES newsletter and Shari will put a note in the WRVS newsletter. Ginny will meet Mary at the town hall at 6 pm, will bring the donation bottle and cider. Others will bring cookies.
6. Future programs. We decided to look into having Ben Kilham do a program in January or February. Ginny said that he has a new talk on the social life of bears that is different from the talk he gave here a few years ago.

7. Roaring Ridge sign. Anne reported that finding a way to have an outdoor, full-color, waterproof, long-lasting, virtually indestructible, attractive sign using the panoramic photo that Peter Allen pieced together has been challenging. She's done quite a bit of research. A company called HDC Fossil seems the best. If we avoid the design charge – which Anne thinks we can do – the total cost, including shipping, is likely to be in the \$1,000 range. We can apply \$100 from our Forests and Parks grant to this. We voted to have the sign created at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Martha reported that there is currently about \$3,000 in our account. Anne and Peter will try to figure out a mounting system for the sign.
8. Town Forest. A trail walk with activities for kids is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>.
9. PACE. Anne told us about a meeting coming up on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Vermont Law School about this program. It would allow homeowners to deduct money spent on energy efficiency to be deducted from their property tax bills, to be paid back at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes taken by Linda Tobin (and typed up by vb)

Corinth Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2011

Present: Earl Adams, Anne Margolis, Frank Roderick, Ginny Barlow, Emily Rowe, Linda Tobin, Kerry DeWolfe

Ginny Barlow chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:05.

1. Introductions of the new members, Emily Rowe and Kerry DeWolfe, were made.
2. The minutes from the October 3 meeting were reviewed. Frank moved to accept the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Frank presented a \$100 gift certificate to E.C. Brown's that was donated by Suzanne Smith to the Conservation Commission to use as the Commission desired. Everyone will keep an eye out for a place that could use a tree that would be purchased with the certificate.

3. Schedule for picking up bottles at the transfer station for the next few weeks:

11/12 Kerry

11/19 Anne

11/26 Emily

12/3 Frank

Linda volunteered to call people the night before their bottle duty. Emily asked that she be called between 6 and 7 p.m., preferably.

4. Cookeville Mall: Ginny is still looking for someone else to do the scheduling for the mall. Is anyone willing to volunteer? Or have any ideas? Ginny has a query in to Lora Nielsen.

Emily mentioned that people have started to leave things on the chairs outside the mall. For now, she'll put those things inside during the week.

5. Town Forest: Ginny said the Town Forest Committee will be starting work on a forest management plan, and they're interested in public involvement. The Town Forest has some events coming up over the winter, including snowshoeing and tree ID. Frank said that this past weekend, a crew performed trail work. The yellow trail is now the blue trail. The Committee welcomes anyone to go walk the trails specifically to determine if the signage is adequate.
6. Events: The Mary Holland event was declared a success, with approximately 60 people attending. Ginny asked if a Jan/Feb. Ben Kilham event on the social lives of bears would be a good idea, and everyone thought so. Anne will check in with Ben Kilham. Ginny also mentioned a loon program she had heard about – she will check in to it.



7. Ginny passed around a worksheet full of ideas for projects and areas of responsibility that hopefully each CCC member will adopt as their “own.” Kerry might be interested in taking on some of the trails work leadership. Emily is interested in Green Up Day coordination again. She has many ideas for this next year, including potentially using the Willis Theater for the celebration potluck. Emily can also help Ginny with the listserv; she wants to compare it with her Green Up listserv. She wants to include the school more, potentially through Shari.

The Commission members’ homework assignment before the December meeting is to look over the brainstorming list and consider what we do, or could do, both as a Commission and as individual members taking leadership positions over certain areas, such as trails or events or tree planting or streambank stabilization. We will report back in December on the areas over which we would like to each have stewardship.

Frank moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Anne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Anne Margolis