

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: January 7, 2013 (approved)

Present: Anne Margolis, Kerry DeWolfe, Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick; Earl Adams;  
Gabe Zoerheide: Kerry DeWolfe prepared the minutes

The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:11 pm.

The meeting was chaired by Kerry DeWolfe.

Gabe Z. turned over \$117.30 in bottle money to the treasurer. Kerry D. reported that she had approximately \$200 in bottle proceeds that she forgot to bring to the meeting. All agreed she should bring the monies to the February meeting.

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Minor spelling changes were made. Anne M. moved that the minutes be approved. Linda T. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The bottle collection assignments are as follows:

1/12	Anne McKinsey
1/19	Earl Adams
1/26	Frank R
2/2	Ginny Barlow

A discussion on the size of the bags followed. Ginny Barlow agreed to get the larger size from Oakes and leave them at Northern Woodlands. Kerry B. moved that the treasurer be authorized to reimburse Ginny for the bags. Linda T seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Next meeting February 4, 2013

Ginny Barlow, emeritus, was recognized as a guest at the meeting.

Ginny suggested the possibility of the Commission sponsoring a program on sled dog racing by Charlie Berger, DVM. The anticipated cost is \$250. A possible date of March 8 was discussed. Ginny agreed to get some further details. Anne M moved to approve and expenditure of \$250 for this presentation. Frank R seconded the motion which passed with all being in favor. Ginny will work with Anne McKinsey to develop a poster for this presentation.

A discussion of land conservation issues followed. Ginny reviewed the work of the Orange County Headwaters project. Strategies for maintaining open land and educating land owners about conservation options were discussed. Frank R. agreed to speak with Two Rivers about inventorying. Anne M will keep the Commission updated on ANR issues that potentially impact the town. Ginny B will consult with others on the best current thinking on how to educate/inform citizens about land conservation policies and programs.

Alcott Smith's program was well attended and well received. All of the informal reviews were very positive. Anne M. moved that the Commission pay Alcott Smith as per the agreement. Linda T seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Energy Commission has asked for financial assistance with its plan to mail information about the Property Assessed Clean Energy program to town residents as the Town's participation in the program will be considered at Town Meeting. The Energy Committed estimated that it would need up to \$300 for this purpose. Kerry D. made motion that the Commission authorize the payment of up to \$300 to the Energy Committee for the purpose of mailing information about the program to town residents. Lind T seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Frank R will chair the February meeting.

The mail was reviewed and nothing of interest was found. Linda T will contact the land owners to follow up with the placement of new signs at the Roaring Ridge trail head.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:12

## CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: February 4, 2013 (unapproved)

Present: Anne Mc Kinsey, Kerry DeWolfe, Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick; Earl Adams; Kerry DeWolfe prepared the minutes. The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:11 pm. The meeting was chaired by Frank R.

Guest: Mark Nielsen from Planning Commission discussed the Town's potential use of facebook as a way to reach broader cross section of citizens. The Planning Commission is reaching out to various groups to see about the interest level. Other towns report a positive experience. The Planning Commission has developed rules for usage. Mark left materials for CCC review.

Kerry D. reported that she had approximately \$300 in bottle proceeds that she forgot to bring to the meeting. All agreed she should bring the monies to the March meeting meeting.

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Linda T. moved that the minutes be approved. Kerry D. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The bottle collection assignments are as follows: 2/9 Anne Mc; 2/16 Kerry D; 2/23 Linda T ; 3/2 Earl A.

Next meeting March 4, 2013

Business at the Mall is reported to be slow. But, Louisa S, Paul P and Holly G are still working.

On March 8, 2013, CCC is sponsoring a dog sled program by Charlie Berger. Kerry D. to double check with Ginny to make sure details are in place.

Frank R. spoke to Peter Fellows at Two Rivers about resources of interest to CCC. He reported that they have considerable data compiled and available for review for pertaining to Corinth. Also, they can electronically create maps with various features. Discussion of recommendations from the Town Plan developed with input from Two Rivers Report as to what CCC should do. Frank will follow up and try to get some of the maps most pertinent to CCC issues. Discussion about incorporating information from maps with trail plans.

Linda T. spoke to Anne Caswell about Roaring Ridge. Anne Caswell would welcome more signage. Using trees or posts are all ok with her so long as tasteful.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus after a motion by Kerry D which was seconded by Linda T.

March meeting to be chaired by Anne McKinsey

Corinth Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2013

Present: Anne Mc Kinsey, Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick; Earl Adams, Anne Margolis

Anne McKinsey chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:11.

1. The minutes from the February 4 meeting were reviewed. Anne McKinsey moved to accept the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Frank remitted \$484 from past bottle proceeds. Anne Margolis will bring this and other past receipts to Susan ASAP, after which point she will generate a treasurer's report.
3. Guest Becky Buchanan, Green Up Coordinator, discussed plans for this year's Green Up Day. She is trying to touch base with Emily Rowe about last year's activities. She has also printed out materials from the website. Becky wondered if we wanted to have donations of prizes again this year. Another idea is to have refreshments at the recycling center. Becky was wondering about the bags. Becky will see if Emily has last year's map, and can possibly come to town meeting for people to sign up. Otherwise, she will work on having a map and bags available the week before Green Up Day at the transfer station. She will also try to get something written up for the early May newsletter, and she'll also talk with Rik Sheridan about getting something on the town website.
4. Schedule for picking up bottles at the transfer station for the next few weeks:

Mar 9	Gabe
Mar 16	Ginny
Mar 23	Anne Margolis
Mar 30	Anne McKinsey
Apr 6	Frank
5. Linda reported that she put a bunch of old bags back at the transfer station for reuse, and she recommends using these first, prior to using new bags (unless they're getting really holey).
6. Anne McKinsey reported that VPIRG has asked for us to come to their next meeting to provide a testimonial about how bottles help support the Town of Corinth's conservation commission. The meeting is Tuesday, March 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Pavilion Auditorium. ANR is studying whether to repeal, maintain, or expand the bill. Anne Margolis will try to attend to report, "We collect recycled bottles for the Conservation Commission, and we receive most of our funding that way – about \$2,000 per year. We use the proceeds for programs and activities, including loons, bears, wild edibles, tree planting, trail creation/maintenance/brochures/signs, invasive species, and bats." The name of the VPIRG contact is: Ruth Shafer, 802-275-7959; [ruth.shafer@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.shafer@gmail.com).
7. Charlie Berger's talk will be Friday evening. Ginny wants someone to introduce him – she will provide a statement. Linda will remind Ginny to bring the collection bottle to Friday night, since the turnout will probably be good.
8. Anne Margolis shared info from the TRORC newsletter about the Transcanada CT River Dam relicensing open public comments period. She also shared UVLT's letter regarding the Speer property that may be up for sale on Coppermine Rd. and which has conservation value. The land is between Rostens and Thomases, and close to (but not touching) the town forest. Bryce Thomas would be the likeliest candidate. Anne will ask Ginny what she thinks in terms of talking to the Thomas family or the Rosten family about purchasing the land.
9. We discussed our town meeting budget request. Earl mentioned that Kevin Eaton on Rte. 25 lost some streambank in Irene. We discussed the possibility of doing streambank planting there to help stabilize the bank. We could also do more development of the Roaring Ridge trail, including more signs and maps in addition to the panorama. Also, there are opportunities to expand the Clement Loop trail. And, the bottle bill could be abolished, eliminating our income streams. Additionally, we would need a source of matching funds to apply for grants. Finally, it is a show of support for the town for having a conservation commission. Frank shared that Val Stori is working on a management plan for the town forest – another area we might be asked to help provide support.
10. The April 1 meeting will be chaired by Earl Adams.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 by consensus after a motion by Anne Margolis which was seconded by Linda.

Minutes taken by Anne Margolis

**Corinth Conservation Commission**  
**MINUTES: April 1, 2013**

Present: Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick, Gabe Zoerhide, Earl Adams, Anne McKinsey

Guest: Rebecca Buchanan, Green Up Coordinator, discussed details of Green Up Day and stayed for the duration of the meeting.

Earl Adams chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:10pm.

1. APPROVE MINUTES: The minutes from the March 4 meeting were discussed. Earl Adams moved to accept the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. GREEN UP DAY: Becky Buchanan discussed numerous details with board members as follows: Becky has created a Green Up announcement flyer for posting in various public places. Bags will be delivered to the Town Hall a week or two before May 4. Linda Tobin will be present at the transfer station on April 27 to hand out bags to Corinth residents. Bags will also be available at the Town Hall and possibly at the Corinth post offices (if allowed). We will also try to remind people to use their leftover bags from last year. Concern was voiced that we could possibly run short of bags, in which case, presumably Casella Waste will accept clear plastic bags or even bags simply marked as 'green up day.' Becky will contact Casella to check on their time schedule as last year the rubbish truck driver left an hour earlier than planned. Frank Roderick recommended that, to avoid confusion, we simply leave the closing time as 1:00pm as people would likely not come between 1pm and 2pm anyway. Becky mentioned that she would like to have refreshments offered at the transfer station on April 27 and/or May 4. Raffle tickets will be given as usual on May 4. Board members offered suggestions on raffle prizes and Becky will check with Norm Collette to see if he approves of handing out the prizes at the Cookeville Café in May. It was suggested that Becky post a notice on the LRN listserv inviting people to offer a raffle prize (products or services). A list of 1-hour time slots for the Green Up table (May 4 at the transfer station) was passed around and partially completed.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: There were no items to report.
4. BOTTLE ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments were made as follows:
  - April 6: Frank Roderick
  - April 13: Linda Tobin
  - April 20: Gabe Zoerhide
  - April 27: Earl Adams
  - May 4 (Green Up Day): Anne McKinsey and Ginny Barlow
5. DESIGNATE MAY CHAIRPERSON: Gabe Zoerhide offered to chair May's meeting.
6. POSSIBLE LAND TRUST MEMBER VISIT: This item was not discussed.
7. TRAILS MAINTENANCE: All members decided to postpone discussion until May's meeting as the trails are too muddy and icy. Linda and Anne agreed to walk and assess the Clement Loop Trail once it has dried out.
8. OTHER PROGRAMS: Anne McK mentioned that the NH Humanities Council, through its Humanities to Go program, offers countless speakers who can be hired for presentations (for Vermont locations). She drew attention to the author of *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn* and suggested hiring him to give a talk. It was decided that this topic would fall more into the realm of the Corinth Hist Society and that Norm Collette be contacted. All agreed that the CCC is happy to work together with the Corinth Hist Society on programs such as this (e.g., the CCC to offer the speaker's fee).
9. OTHER BUSINESS: It was mentioned that it would be good to plan for ways of spending Commission funds. One suggestion was to create a plan for enticing people to recycle, which would undoubtedly require the use of funds. Enticement could take the form of penalizing people for not recycling, but a reward incentive typically produces a better result, e.g., rewarding people for bringing recyclables. The zero-sort method is a good start as it makes recycling very easy. There was a suggestion that we purchase plastic recycling bins to give to Corinth residents to be an encouragement for them to recycle. Nothing was voted on.

It was noted that the Commission has no forthcoming scheduled events. For Corinth250, there was a suggestion that the Commission offer a trail walk day at Clement Loop as the area has an interesting history.

Gabe Zoerhide noted his new email address, effective immediately: [zoerhei@hotmail.com](mailto:zoerhei@hotmail.com)

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by consensus after a motion by Earl Adams, which was seconded by Linda.

Minutes taken by Anne McKinsey

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: June 3, 2013 (unapproved)

Present: Anne Mc Kinsey, Kerry DeWolfe, Frank Roderick, Gabe Zoerheide, Anne Margolis. Kerry DeWolfe prepared the minutes. The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of April 1, 2013, were reviewed. KB moved to approve. FR seconded all were in agreement.

Financial: A Margolis presented the financial statement for 7/1/12 to 6/3/13. It should be noted that the Selectboard assisted with Greenup Day expenses.

Bottles:

KD	6/8/	AMcK	6/29
AMar	6/15	GB	7/6
GZ	6/22		

Trails: A discussion about trails and new trails was had. C Cherrington has offered to allow the Town to have recreational non-motorized public trails on his property. He has also agreed to undertake the expense of development. He would like to begin this work within the next few weeks. Also, signs need to be improved at the existing trails.

K D moved that members of the Commission, with the overall goal of expending the Town's trails, be authorized to discuss: development of public trails on the Cherrington property with the Cherringtons' agents; and, expanding the Clement Loop trail with Dartmouth. The motion was seconded by AMar and unanimously approved.

KD moved that \$1,000 of the CCC funds on hand be earmarked for trail improvement and expansion. Specifically, that \$500 be allocated for trail development; and that \$500 be allocated for signs and related expenses. FR seconded the motion and all approved.

Mail was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at .

The next meeting is July 1, 2013

## CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: July 1, 2013 (unapproved)

Present: Anne Mc Kinsey, Kerry DeWolfe, Linda Tobin, Anne Margolis; Kerry DeWolfe prepared the minutes. The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:10 pm. The meeting was chaired by AM.

MINUTES: The June minutes were reviewed. KD moved to accept. LT seconded. All in favor.

MONEY: A McK turned over \$175 in bottle deposits to KD to bring to the town clerk. LT had a check for \$120 representing donations. The check was delivered to AM.

BOTTLES: KD - 7/6 ; GB - 7/13; FR - 7/20; AM - 7/27; AMcK - 8/3

KD will speak to Diane and Cassandra to clarify that she will pick up money end of every month.

TRAILS: Plans are moving along to extend the Clement Loop trail to connect to the Cherrington property trails. Carl Demrow has begun work. Ginny Barlow will work with Redstart to generate the necessary mapping. The Clement Trail needs pruning. The Commission members and anyone else who can be recruited will meet at the trailhead on July 13, 2013, with pruners, weed wackers, chainsaws, etc., for trail maintenance. Rain date, July 14, 2013.

New sign is up at Clement Loop. AMcK to follow up with Randy McFarline re additional signage.

PROGRAMS: members to think about programming. KD to review websites to see what other groups are doing.

Next meeting August 5, 2012. Meeting to be chaired by AMcK.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:50, after a motion by AM which was seconded by LT.

## CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: October 7, 2013 (unapproved)

Present: Anne Margolis, Linda Tobin, Earl Adams, Anne McKinsey, Gabe Zoerheide. Guest: Carl Demrow. The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:05 p.m.

The August minutes were reviewed (as there was no quorum, and hence no meeting, in September). Linda Tobin moved to accept the draft minutes as presented. Anne McKinsey seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Carl Demrow discussed the new trail off of the Clement Loop, which he helped design and build. The trail is not quite complete, as Ed Sayers has lost his work crew (Mr. Cherington's children, home for the summer). Ed will need the Commission's help to finish, and there will need to be signs made, markers purchased and affixed along the trail, and maps amended. One option for the next phase is to loop back down to the Raviola property. Carl has a sign-making machine that he would be willing to lend to us for sign-making (he made the existing Clement Loop signs). Anne Margolis will ask Ginny Barlow about purchasing more trail markers. Anne Margolis will also send Anne McKinsey the map/brochure elements so that Anne McKinsey can design a new brochure. We will need to determine a new name for the trail: Coppermine Spur? Coppermine Connector?

Anne Margolis moved to approve Carl Demrow's invoice for \$487.50 for trail design and layout. Linda Tobin seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent. Anne Margolis will ask Susan Fortunati to proceed with paying the invoice.

The bottle schedule was decided as follows:

10/12: Linda Tobin

10/19: TBD – Linda will ask Frank or Ginny

10/26: Earl Adams

11/2: Gabe Zoerheide

11/9: TBD – Linda will ask Kerry DeWolfe

Earl remitted \$166.50 in bottle proceeds that he gave to Anne Margolis for her to bring to Susan Fortunati. Kerry DeWolfe emailed the Commission to say that she has \$122 in bottle proceeds; Anne Margolis will ask her to bring it to Susan Fortunati.

The chair for the next meeting will be Linda Tobin.

Linda Tobin moved to adjourn. Anne Margolis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



## CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: December 2, 2013 (unapproved)

Present: Anne Margolis, Earl Adams, Anne McKinsey, Frank Roderick, Linda Tobin. Guest: Glynn Pellagrino. The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:10 p.m.

The November minutes were reviewed. Frank Roderick moved to accept the draft minutes as presented. Anne McKinsey seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The Clement Loop trail spur (the "Coppermine Spur") was discussed, including what sort of blazes/markers to use. Anne Margolis will check with Carl Demrow on using his sign-making router tools, and also about how he made the existing Clement Loop trail signs. We'll also need to find 1" thick cedar (or other rot-resistant wood) slabs for making signs. The Roaring Ridge trail sign is in production. Glynn Pellagrino is willing to help put the sign together.

Gabe Zoerheide has many bottles; Anne Margolis will ask him to bring them to the redemption center. Linda turned in a check for \$90 for bottles; Frank Roderick will bring it to Susan. Kerry DeWolfe still has the \$122 in proceeds from several months ago.

The bottle schedule was decided as follows:

12/7: Earl Adams

12/14: Gabe Zoerheide

12/21: Glynn Pellagrino

12/28: Frank Roderick

1/4: Anne Margolis (potentially with help from Anne McKinsey)

A potential tracking day with Alcott Smith was discussed. Anne Margolis will reach out to him to see if he'd be willing. Another idea is apple tree pruning.

Ginny Barlow's request for tree help is still outstanding. Anne Margolis will ask her for a list locations of the trees that need adoption.

The Commission discussed future activities. Ideas include merging with the Town Forest Committee once they have finished with their management plan; interacting with the Planning Commission to assist with the land conservation measures of the Town Plan; and working with farmers to put together promotions/visits, maybe along the lines of "The Flavors of the Valley."

Glynn Pellagrino expressed interest in joining the Commission. Frank will put his nomination before the Selectboard.

Anne Margolis moved to adjourn. Frank Roderick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

