

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: January 6, 2014 (unapproved)

Present: Anne Margolis, Earl Adams, Frank Roderick, Gabe Zoerheide, Linda Tobin. Guest: Glynn Pellagrino. The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:00 p.m.

The December minutes were reviewed. Frank Roderick moved to accept the draft minutes as presented. Linda Tobin seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The bottle schedule was decided as follows:

1/11: Anne McKinsey

1/18: Earl Adams

1/25: Linda Tobin

2/1: Frank Roderick

2/8: Ginny Barlow

Frank collected \$207 in bottle proceeds and gave them to Susan Fortunati.

Glynn has not yet been made an official member of the CCC; Frank will bring it up at the next Selectboard meeting.

Anne Margolis presented Tania Aebi's invoice and documentation for the \$501.41 she paid as a deposit on our Roaring Ridge sign. Linda made a motion to reimburse Tania. Gabe seconded the motion, which passed with unanimous consent.

The need for tree stewards was discussed. Anne Margolis will adopt the crabapple in Corinth Corners and will put something in the newsletter looking for volunteers.

The Commission discussed future activities. Anne Margolis will keep trying Alcott Smith. Linda Tobin spoke with John Sutton about a birding outing and with Peggy Fogg about a medicinal plants outing. She'll check with Randy McFarline about a bluebird house day. Ginny Barlow will come to the next meeting to discuss the idea of planting a community apple orchard behind the town hall. The Commission would also like to schedule a time for Ginny and perhaps someone from the Vermont or the Upper Valley Land Trust to do a presentation on the Orange County Headwaters Project and other land conservation opportunities, and about current use.

The Commission also discussed the idea of a local farm tour, to exhibit the products of Corinth (and possibly other local town) farmers. Gabe will speak with the Chamber of Commerce about possibly co-sponsoring the event, which might be best in the summer. He'll also talk with the Machin/Bowmers and the Sandbergs about their interest in participating. Glynn will speak with the Loftuses, McDonalds, Zandstras, and Friedlands. Frank will speak with the Fontaines.

Anne Margolis moved to adjourn. Frank Roderick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be February 3.

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: February 3, 2014 (unapproved)

Present: Anne Margolis, Earl Adams, Frank Roderick, Gabe Zoerheide, Linda Tobin, Glynn Pellagrino, Anne McKinsey. Guests: Marian Cawley and Rebecca Buchanan. The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:00 p.m.

Frank confirmed that Glynn is an official member of the Commission now.

The January minutes were reviewed. Frank Roderick moved to accept the draft minutes as presented. Glynn Pellagrino seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

The bottle schedule was decided as follows:

2/8: Virginia Barlow

2/15: Glynn Pellagrino

2/22: Anne Margolis

3/1: Anne McKinsey

Frank said he brought in \$123 in bottle proceeds to Susan Fortunati. He also related that the ladies at the redemption center has asked that we don't bring in entirely full bags, as they are too heavy.

Rebecca (Becky) Buchanan, the Green-Up Day Coordinator, discussed logistics for this year. Peter Allen will print out a new town road map, which will be available on Town Meeting Day for signups, along with a plea and instructions for how to sign up. Linda and Becky will tag team manning the sign that day. Becky will contact the ATV folks who helped out on Brook Rd. a few years ago to see if they will do that again. She'll also contact Lynn Murphy at the school, and her fellow Topsham Green Up coordinators. There won't be a raffle this year, unless somebody else wants to take on that work. The Commission discussed how the bags will be disposed of and paid for; last year, Joe Blodgett took them up to Casella, and the Selectboard paid the expenses. Frank will check with Joe about doing this again, and if the Selectboard is unable to provide the reimbursement, the Commission will do so.

The Commission discussed events. Linda, Marian, and Glynn would like to participate in the afternoon Alcott Smith tracking session. Marian will check with her neighbor, Cheryl Needleman, about going on her property. Linda spoke with Peggy Fogg regarding a wild edibles walk in May. Peggy is happy to do this and also recommended a wildflower expert from Washington. Linda has not heard back from John Sutton about a bird walk nor Randy McFarline about a bluebird house building event.

The Commission also continued to discuss the idea of a local farm tour. Gabe spoke with the Chamber of Commerce about their interest, and has approval to spend a portion of his time on organization of the tour. The Chamber would like to event to cover a number of towns, on both

sides of the Connecticut River, but there is also some wisdom in keeping the event small (at least for the first year). The Loftuses are interested in participating, and would prefer the event be in June. The Mattoxes are also interested, but would prefer something earlier in the spring. Frank The Fontaines are not interested this year. There was discussion about an associated sustainability discussion. At some point, sponsorship funds from the Commission will be helpful.

Anne Margolis said that she is resigning from the Commission as of the March 2014 meeting, and asked members to consider which roles they are willing to play going forward prior to the next meeting (chair, vice chair, treasurer, and secretary). Gabe said he would be vice chair.

Linda Tobin moved to adjourn. Frank Roderick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be March 3.

Conservation Commission Agenda Monday, March 3, 2014

1. Approve minutes from February 3
2. Bottle Assignments
3. Green Up Day
4. Events
5. Finances
6. Roles & responsibilities
7. Other Business

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: March 3, 2014 (approved)

Present: Anne Margolis, Earl Adams, Frank Roderick, Gabe Zoerheide, Linda Tobin, Anne McKinsey, Glynn Pellagrino. Guests: Virginia Barlow, Marian Cawley. The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:00 p.m.

The February minutes were reviewed. Frank Roderick moved to accept the draft minutes as presented. Gabe Zoerheide seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Ginny gave a report on the proposed community apple orchard behind the town hall. There is a matching grant application from the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program, Upper Valley Apple Corps, which Ginny left with Glynn Pellagrino. The application is due April 11. Some discussion followed about what might be good trees to plant in terms of ease of care and productivity. Frank asked if the Selectboard had been consulted, because some of the property in question has been set aside for parking expansion.

The bottle schedule was decided as follows:

3/8: Linda Tobin

3/15: Ginny Barlow

3/22: Gabe Zoerheide

3/29: Marian Cawley

Frank collected \$162 in bottle proceeds and will give them to Susan Fortunati. It was estimated that the CCC is collecting on average \$150/month.

Anne McKinsey asked why the CCC isn't automatically in the town budget. Frank explains that because we have a dedicated fund, we'll always be an article. A dedicated fund carries over any surplus from year to year rather than losing it to the general fund. We ask the town for \$250 as a general appropriation to demonstrate town support for the organization.

Future activities were discussed. The tracking workshops with Alcott Smith were rescheduled for 3/8 at 9:00 and 2:00. Linda Tobin will ask Randy McFarline if 3/29 would work as a date for his bluebird house workshop and will check with Ginny to see if she has contacts at VINS who might give a brief presentation on bluebird habits/habitat. Linda will also confirm availability of the Town Hall for that date. Anne McKinsey will advertise on the LRN and make a poster. / Linda also spoke with John Sutton, who wants to do three birding classes covering different habitats. Possible dates and details will be discussed at our April meeting. Anne Margolis suggested contacting the Fairlee Conservation Commission to see if they'd like to participate in the one on Lake Morey. / Linda will talk to Peggy Fogg about future wildflower and wild edibles workshops. / Gabe suggested putting off farm tour till late summer or fall, but says it should still be scheduled by mid-April if it is going to happen.

Ginny and Tania Aebi will urethane the Roaring Ridge sign and drill holes for hanging it. Glynn made a motion to amend to \$511.41 the amount to reimburse Tania. Linda Tobin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Anne Margolis presented the CCC financial statement. It was suggested that copies of the minutes from the last 6 meetings should be sent to Rik Sheridan to add to the Town Web site.

New roles and responsibilities were decided as follows:

Frank Roderick: Chairperson for one year. (Glynn P. says he should be able to take over in the fall.)

Gabe Zoerheide: Vice chair

Linda Tobin: treasurer

Marian Cawley: secretary

Current chairperson Anne Margolis passed the white binder on to future chairperson Frank Roderick. / Gabe Zoerheide asked if there is a cap on the number of CCC members. The cap is 9. Frank Roderick suggested that perhaps the Town Forest Committee and the CCC could join forces.

Linda Tobin moved to adjourn and Glynn Pellagrino seconded. Motion passed unanimously, and meeting adjourned at 8:30.

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: April 7, 2014 (approved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Linda Tobin, Anne McKinsey, Glynn Pellagrino. Guest: Marian Cawley.

The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:13 p.m.

The March minutes were reviewed. Peggy Fogg's "wildlife workshops" was changed to "wildflowers and wild edibles workshops", per Linda Tobin. Linda Tobin moved to accept the draft minutes as presented, with the change. Anne McKinsey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Bottle schedule

4/12: Marian Cawley
4/19: Anne McKinsey
4/26: Glynn Pellagrino
5/3 (Green-Up Day): Earl Adams

Frank collected \$61.00 in bottle proceeds on April 5, and has given the money to Treasurer Susan Fortunati.

Reports on CCC events: Tracking workshops with Alcott Smith on 3/8 were well attended, with great feedback from attendees. Alcott has not yet been paid, but Anne Margolis and Linda need to get together so that Anne can transfer treasurer materials to Linda and they will discuss payment for Alcott at that time. / Bluebird-house workshops with Randy McFarline were also very well attended—among participants were at least 5 children. Ginny did the bluebird habitat introduction, and all members received handouts about bluebirds.

Future events: John Sutton birding workshops: John's plan is to give three workshops on three different bird habitats—water birds in April (Lake Morey), Tenney Road in May, and forest in June. Linda will contact him about confirming dates. Saturdays are preferable. If we do one on Lake Morey, we will need to contact the Fairlee Conservation Commission to see if they would like to be involved. / Peggy Fogg, Wildflowers and Wild Edibles: workshop will take place on Saturday, May 10, 10–12. Participants will hike Tenney Road. Marian agreed to post a notice about the workshop on the LRN around April 26 (2 weeks before the workshop).

Anne McKinsey resignation: Anne has decided to tender her resignation to the Selectboard, citing too many other commitments as the reason, though she is still interested in being involved as a volunteer, for example, making the brochure for Roaring Ridge. Possible new members were discussed, Cindy Crawford (East Corinth) and Adam and/or Miranda Moody-Miller (East Corinth). Linda will talk to Cindy; Glynn will talk to the Moody-Millers.

Apple orchard: Glynn has printed the completed grant application and will send it out by the postmark date of April 11, 2014. The grant is for \$5800 to cover planting, maintenance, and labor costs over the next three years (2015–2017). Trees to be planted in the current year (2014) were mostly donated. Dina has arranged with a local scout troop to do some of the maintenance. The CCC plans to offer workshops on planting, growing and maintenance of the orchard.

Roaring Ridge sign: Nothing to report. Marian will ask Tania for an update.

New business: Upper Valley Land Trust approached Frank about doing a hike including the Clement Loop, Maplewood, and the Pike Hill Mine. Frank will continue to be point man with the UVLT as well as with the. Other conservation commissions will be involved as well. / Linda proposed occasional conservation commission potlucks to learn about what other towns are doing. To be discussed at a later meeting.

Next meeting: May 5, 7:00

Wrap-up

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Glynn Pellagrino seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08.

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: April 28, 2014 (unapproved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Linda Tobin, Earl Adams, Marian Cawley, Glynn Pellagrino (arriving late).

Regular first-Monday date changed to avoid conflict with the annual school meeting.

The meeting was called to order by consensus at 7:12 p.m.

Linda moved to approve the minutes from April 7, Earl seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Bottle schedule: **5/3:** Earl, **5/10:** Frank, **5/17:** Earl, **5/24:** Linda, **5/31:** Gabe

Ginny Barlow emptied Cookeville Mall money donation jar and submitted \$70 in cash to Susan Fortunati.

Board of Selectmen officially approved Marian's membership on the Conservation Commission.

Community Apple Orchard Report: Tom Loftus dug 10 holes with his backhoe on 4/23, and eight people turned out to plant 10 trees (8 apples and 2 pears) on April 25 (present were Virginia Barlow, Glynn Pellagrino, Frank Roderick, Dan Wing, Dina Dubois, Amy Peberdy, Steve Long, and Kathy Chapman). Composted manure was donated by Tom Loftus and Ginny donated bark mulch. Planting took approximately 2 hours. / Marian agreed to set up watering schedule. / Fencing may be necessary, but could be something covered by the grant we've applied for – if we receive it. / Hoses are in place for watering, and Glynn offered to bring an extra length to ensure that all trees can be reached.

Future CCC events: **John Sutton, birding workshops:** Linda sent email to John but hasn't heard back from him. / **Peggy Fogg, Wildflowers and Wild Edibles:** Workshop will take place on Saturday, May 10, 10–12. Linda will send Marian a bio for Peggy and will post on LRN. Posters will go up for both events. Participants will meet at Town Hall.

Roaring Ridge: Sign has been urethaned. The plank for the sign was punky on edges and so was rejected. Tania donated an oak plank to replace it. The sign is weather-resistant. Karri deWolfe and Anne Margolis worked on the lettering for the sign. Marian will ask Tania who was responsible for the picture on the sign. Randy McFarline will take care of the signposts.

New business: **UVLT:** The hike with the Upper Valley Land Trust will take place in August (date to be decided).

Participants will gather at the Clement Loop and take the new trail spur, poke around at the Pike Hill Mine, cross the top of the ridge, and come down Maplewood. / **New members:** Linda will speak to Cindy Crawford, and Glynn to Miranda and Adam Moody-Miller. Melissa Mahony is another possibility, but Frank suggested we hold off on asking her till we've received replies from Cindy, Miranda, and Adam.

Next meeting: June 2, 7:00

Wrap-up

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Glynn Pellagrino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: June 2, 2014 (approved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Linda Tobin, Earl Adams, Marian Cawley, Glynn Pellagrino (arriving late). Guest: Ginny Barlow

Meeting called to order by consensus at 7:07 p.m.

Frank pointed out that there were no minutes to approve as the secretary (Marian!) had forgotten to send them out (though she did send them to Nancy Ertle). They will be available by next meeting.

Public Comment: **Roaring Ridge**: Ginny and Randy McFarline replaced the 6-inch board Randy had installed with an 8-inch-wide board. She asked if we could reimburse Randy the \$84.92 he paid for parts. Sign support is pressure-treated. / Ginny proposed that we replace the rotting picnic table at the site with a new one. Linda moved that we use CCC funds to do so, but not to exceed \$200, Earl seconded. The motion passed unanimously. / Ginny proposed in addition that we set a tentative date of July 19 for an unveiling of the sign, as Tania will not be back till then. Date was set, with a start time of 10:00 am.

Apple orchard: Grant is officially approved. Ginny asked for help getting fencing (covered by grant) – weighs around 200 lb. Ginny sent soil samples from each tree site to UVM for testing – tests show poor soil, only 1.9% organic matter. She will ask Terry Bradshaw (UVM Apple & Grape team) to come down and take a look at our site. She will notify CCC when this is to happen. The pH needs to be brought up by spreading lime. Ginny will check with grant administrator to ascertain constraints of grant – wondering whether it can be spread out over the grant term. Ginny's shopping list: fencing, picnic table (Roaring Ridge), hardware cloth (to put around bases of trunks to protect against rodents), hose. Marian moved to authorize reimbursement from CCC funds for anything not covered by the grant monies. Glynn seconded and motion passed unanimously. Marian volunteered to go with Ginny to Home Depot. The organization (contact, Wendy Richard) doesn't need more from us. Frank asked whether there is a time table for arrival of grant money. Glynn wasn't sure, but says we should receive a grant agreement soon (based on a letter he received from the organization, now in Frank's "white notebook"). Ginny reported that \$266 in tree donations had been given to Susan Fortunati, Town Treasurer. Marian will send out new watering schedule for orchard.

Bottle schedule: **6/7**: Marian, **6/14**: Earl, **6/21**: Frank, **6/28**: Linda, **7/5**: Glynn

Earl picked up \$105 from Redemption Center for previous Saturdays, turned over to Linda. We need to pick up money CCC bottle money from the Redemption Center once a month.

Recent events: Birding workshop w/ John Sutton on 4/25, not well attended but a lot of fun. Wild edibles workshop with Peggy Willey on 5/31, with 10 attendees.

Future CCC events: Second John Sutton birding workshop on 6/7 at 7:00 am, on Depot St. in Bradford. Different bird habitat from the 5/24 workshop.

New business: Glynn spoke with Adam and Miranda Moody-Miller. They are not interested in serving on the CCC. Linda has not yet spoken to Cindy Crawford, but will call her soon. Frank will talk to Melissa Mahony to assess her interest in joining CCC.

Frank pointed out that he "inherited" \$93.45 in petty cash from Anne Margolis when he took over as CCC chair.

Next meeting: July 7, 7:00 (Frank's birthday)

Wrap-up

Earl moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: July 7, 2014 (approved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Glynn Pellagrino (arriving late), Gabe Zoerheide

Meeting called to order by consensus at 7:07 p.m. (Linda moved, Glynn seconded)

June minutes were approved with minor changes. (Linda moved, Glynn seconded, unanimously passed)

Bottles: Frank collected \$122 in May, and Earl collected \$105 the week of June 14, which he gave to Linda in her capacity as treasurer.

Bottle schedule: (Glynn will do his 7/5 bottle collection this week) 7/12: Gabe, 7/19: Marian, 7/26: Earl, 8/2: Glynn

Apple Orchard: Our grant is good for 2 years. Terry Bradshaw (UVM Apple and Grape Team) came at Ginny's request to check out the soil. He recommended incorporating lime at 2 tons/acre. Half will go on this summer and half next spring. Tom Loftus will spread manure to bring percentage of organic matter to an acceptable level. Ginny purchased fencing, hoses and fittings, and a hose reel. Fencing has not yet been installed. Dan Wing will mow orchard.

Recent events: Linda attended the birding workshop w/ John Sutton on 6/7 in Bradford. Fewer bird species were detected than at the workshop in Corinth on 4/25, but this one was better attended.

Future CCC events: **Roaring Ridge**. The panoramic photo of the view from the top of Roaring Ridge Trail was installed with Randy McFarline's help on June 23. Dedication day, originally scheduled for July 19, has been postponed till July 26 (rain date July 27) so that some of the key players can attend (in particular, Ginny and Tania Aebi). Mariain will post an announcement about Roaring Ridge on the LRN on 7/8 or 7/9 and a reminder on July 16. Linda will send the same notice to the CCC email list on Sunday, 7/13. Glynn proposed that we have some refreshments. He will bring watermelon and Marian will bring lemonade. **Farm Tour**. COHASE has adopted the CCC's suggestion of a farm tour and the date has been set for 9/6. For now, Bradford and Corinth are the participants, but Gabe will be advertising to the rest of the COHASE towns. His goal is to raise \$500-600 for advertising and other costs and he asked if CCC would be willing to sponsor the event. Marian moved that the CCC allocate \$250 to this cause. Glynn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New state law: The legislature has passed an amendment to the Open Meeting Law. Requirements include posting meeting minutes of organizations within 2 days of the meeting date. Many towns, including Corinth, have dismantled their Web Sites in response.

New business: The CCC will be absorbing the Town Forest committee (Dina Dubois, Kevin Eaton, and Courtney Haynes), but it is not clear when. The Forest management plan has to be approved by the Selectboard. When this happens, we will have three new members on our board.

Next meeting: August 8, 7:00

Wrap-up: Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Glynn seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: August 4, 2014 (approved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Glynn Pellagrino, Ginny Barlow (member emeritus)

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:06 p.m.

July minutes were approved unanimously. (Glynn moved, Marian seconded.)

Agenda changes: Several items were added to the agenda. • Plug for Green Mountain Club, working with the Upper Valley Land Trust, who are hosting a hike on the Clement Loop Trail and over Maplewood/copper mine area on August 16, led by Doug Brown. More information to come. • Ginny had a phone conversation with Yvonne, of the Elm Research Foundation. She told Yvonne that the elm tree we planted had died. Yvonne said we should notify them immediately about such things. She said the trees are guaranteed and asked if we would like a new one. Marian will call her to say yes, we would take another tree next spring. Ginny said the trees are big when they're delivered – recalls having to use a tractor to plant the last one. • Ginny spoke with Kyle Thompson. She has ordered 4 tons of lime for the apple orchard, two to be spread in the fall and two in the spring of 2015. The cost will be approximately \$230 for 2 tons. Kyle doesn't have time at the moment to deliver and isn't sure when he will, but there's plenty of time between now and cold weather. • Ginny submitted invoices for apple orchard fencing materials and lime (\$497.92) and Roaring Ridge picnic table (\$152.04). Marian moved to approve invoices, Glynn seconded, motion passed. Frank approved invoices in writing, so that Ginny can give them to Susan. • Ginny also brought up invoices submitted two months ago (June meeting), one for Randy McFarline's labor/parts and one for trees purchased from EC Brown (less than \$100). No record in minutes of this transaction, but all members remember it. Marian will check with Linda to see whether she submitted invoices to Susan [follow-up: Linda did submit them and Susan said funds would be available on 8/11].

Bottles: Frank collected \$212 in July. Ginny will pick up 4 to 5 new boxes of bags from Oakes Brothers.

Bottle schedule: 8/9: Frank, 8/16: Glynn, 8/23: Linda, 8/30: Ginny

Apple Orchard: Frank gave Marian a file copy of the letter from State of VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Rec. informing us that the apple orchard grant was approved for \$2000. Question about where the grant money will be delivered. Glynn will check. Ginny wants to wait on fencing the trees until the lime has been spread, for convenience. Need vole screening.

Future events: Cohase farm tour. No word from Gabe. He checked with Glynn about names of possible participants, but has not reported back. • Town Forest trail marking will happen 8/10, 2-4 pm. Buckets of paint and templates will be there. • Possible event: winter snowshoe/ski on Roaring Ridge trail.

Open meeting law: Need to post agenda in 3 places 48 h before meetings. Minutes should also be posted, within 5 days after meeting. Locations: East Corinth General Store wall case, Town Hall inside and outside. Possible new location: entrance to transfer station. Not clear who posts these minutes and agenda – will wait for clarification. Town Web site still up in the air: Anne McKinsey proposed to set up newer, better site for \$3000 and to maintain it at \$35/hr. No decision has been made about his.

Brief discussion about CCC bank account. Need Treasurer's Report – should happen at every meeting.

Next meeting will take place on 9/1 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 (Glynn moved, Marian seconded).

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: September 1, 2014 (unapproved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:08 p.m.

August minutes were approved unanimously. (Linda moved, Marian seconded.)

Agenda changes: Add Future events suggestions.

Bottles: Linda collected \$124 in August. Boxes of new bags are located inside front door of Northern Woodlands building.

Bottle duty: 9/6, Marian; 9/13, Frank; 9/20, Earl; 9/27, Gabe; 10/4, Glynn

Apple Orchard: Ginny, Marian, and Tania installed deer fencing around trees. Fencing is raised to facilitate weed-whacking, which was done at the same time as the fencing.

Events: Upper Valley Land Trust hike was a great success, attended by 30 people. • Town forest trail marking was also successful, with red, blue, and orange blazes on the three trails (replacing little metal tags), making the trails easier to follow.

Action item: Linda will have separate meetings with Anne Margolis and Susan Fortunati regarding treasurer's responsibilities.

Future events: Cohase farm tour will take place September 6. • Possible events: winter snowshoe/ski on Roaring Ridge trail (possibly by full moon); on-site pruning workshop in our new orchard; orienteering course/workshop (possibly sponsored by Roots School on Bear Notch Road). • All events should be coordinated with Town Forest Committee so as not to duplicate.

Open meeting law: New posting place for agendas and meeting dates at entrance to Transfer Station. Minutes only need to be posted on the (reinstated) town Web site, with a copy to the Town Clerk. Amy Peberdy is the official post person.

Next meeting will take place on 11/3 at 7:00 (skipping October meeting).

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 (Marian moved, Linda seconded).

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: December 1, 2014 (unapproved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Glynn Pellagrino, Gabe Zoerheide

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:10 p.m.

Agenda additions: Invoice from Cohase; Monetary support from town (for Annual Report); Merger with Town Forest Committee

Approval of minutes: September minutes were approved unanimously. (Gabe moved, Frank seconded.)

Public Comment: None

Bottles: Marian collected \$106 from Redemption Center in September and gave it to Susan Fortunati. Boxes of new bags are located inside front door of Northern Woodlands building. Ginny submitted invoice for \$54 to cover the cost of the bags.

Bottle duty for November (no meeting in November): 11/22, Frank; 11/15, Earl; 11/8, Glynn; 11/29, Marian

Bottle duty for December: 12/6: Linda; 12/13: Gabe; 12/20: Glynn; 12/27: Earl; 1/3/2015: Marian

Apple Orchard: No news. Need to know whether trees were wrapped (against rodents).

Farm Tour report (Gabe): The tour went well, but most of the activity was in our area (Bradford, Corinth, Topsham). Definitely a go for next year. Eleven (11) farms participated, representing Bradford, Topsham, Corinth, Newbury, Haverhill, Orford, and Piermont. The original plan was to keep it pretty local, which would probably have been better, but the participants were generally happy with the turnout.

Town Forest Committee: Originally established to get the forest plan up and running. The plan is near completion now – essentially to develop an uneven-aged forest. The Selectboard would like things to be wrapped up by June 2015, at which point the TFC and CCC will merge into one, as planned. Current members of the TFC are Frank, Dina Dubois, Kevin Eaton, and Courtney Haynes (from Washington, VT). Val Stori would also like to become a member.

Future Events: *Roaring Ridge winter hike/snowshoe*. Date set for Saturday, January 31, 2015, at 6:00 pm. Snow date March 7. Snacks will be provided. Details to be discussed at next meeting.

Proposed future events: *Roots School presentation*. For now, just an idea. / Winter tracking workshop with Alcott Smith.

Monetary support from town: We will again ask the Town for \$250 as a show of support. Our activities aren't costly for the most part. The apple orchard is covered by a grant. The CCC has picked up the expenses of Green-Up Day, which may be a reason to ask for a little bit more. There was some discussion about becoming involved in conservation easements, as is done by the Bradford Conservation Commission. This would require more money, but would be a good move politically for the Town long term.

Treasurer Report: Linda did have meetings with Susan and Anne Margolis and will be setting up a system. She will submit her report at our next meeting.

Action items: Linda will approach the Roots School about doing some kind of presentation. / Marian will approach Alcott Smith about doing a tracking workshop. / Frank will submit Cohase invoice to Susan Fortunati (this is the money CCC agreed to allocate for the Farm Tour). / Frank will write a paragraph for the Town Report talking about what CCC has accomplished this year, so that we can be on the warning to ask the town for money to support our efforts

New business: Consider belonging to Vermont Trails and Greenways (Nancy Ertle sent CCC members a brochure about this.) They have quarterly meetings. It was decided unanimously that we would join for a year on a trial basis. (Linda moved, Frank seconded.)

Next meeting: January 5, 2015, at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 (Glynn moved, Gabe seconded).