

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: January 5, 2015 (unapproved)

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

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:12 p.m.

December minutes were approved unanimously. (Frank moved, Linda seconded.)

Agenda changes: None.

Bottles: Marian collected \$93 in October, and Frank collected \$82 more recently, for a total of \$175.

Bottle duty: 1/10, Frank; 1/17, Gabe; 1/24, Glynn; 1/31, Linda

Financial transactions: Glynn submitted invoice for Cohase Farm Tour event to Susan. She sent Gabe a W-9 form to fill out. Some discussion followed about whether the W-9 form was necessary, since this was not a service but a donation from the Commission. / Frank submitted Ginny's invoice for orchard materials to Susan. / Glynn will get information about orchard expenses from Ginny and will send invoices to the granting organization. / Linda will check with Susan to confirm that Alcott Smith was paid last year – there's no record of it in the minutes.

Apple Orchard: A gift certificate won from E. C. Brown by Suzanne Smith and subsequently donated to the CCC for the apple orchard was lost and has not been found. Glynn volunteered to check with E. C. Brown to see whether they have a record of this, and whether we might still be able to redeem it.

Events: Roaring Ridge full-moon trail hike: January 31, with a change of start time to 5:00 pm. Will meet at trail head and will encourage carpooling. Marian will send 3 notices to listserv between now and then.

Future events: Linda spoke with Sarah from the Roots School, who offered to come to our next meeting at 7:30 to talk about a possible event in the future. We will invite the Town Forest Committee members to come and hear what the RS has to say. / Marian spoke to Alcott Smith about doing another tracking workshop. Alcott said how about 3/7 or 3/14. Marian will pick one of those dates and call him back.

Vermont Trails and Greenways: We are officially members of this organization for 1 year (a trial run). Glynn sent them a check for \$35. He will send a receipt to Susan for her files.

Ginny sent the CCC an email about the upcoming Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions event happening on July 1, 2015. There was some discussion about this.

Next meeting will take place on 2/2 at 7:00 (with a visit from the Roots School folks).

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 (Frank moved, Linda seconded).

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: February 5, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Ginny Barlow (visiting), Bill Tobin (visiting)

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

February minutes were approved unanimously. (Frank moved, Linda seconded.)

Agenda changes: Bill Tobin asked if he could do a brief treasurer's report. / Ginny wanted to mention two invoices for orchard supplies, which will be submitted at a later date. / Agenda was rearranged to accommodate Bill's request, so that he could be finished before our scheduled visit from the Roots School representatives

Treasurer's Report: Bill presented a spread-sheet statement of account for FY 2014-15. Our accounting was off by \$92.87, which he added to the spread-sheet as an expense. Some discussion followed about whether this might have represented long-standing petty cash that we finally turned in to Town treasurer Susan Fortunati. Ginny commented that there should be a separate accounting for orchard expenses because of the grant (although they will of course have to be included in the general accounting as well). Other items that need to be reconciled in our accounting: 1) the lost gift certificate donated by Susanne Roderick. Glynn called Brown's Plant Nursey who said that they DO keep track of gift certificates and who wins them but that they need precise dates, which we did not have. 2) \$250 allocated to the Cohase Farm Tour, which has not cleared yet. This is still in the W9 phase. Gabe has filled out the form and will submit to Susan F. Bill suggested that in the future the treasurer should be the person to pick up the bottle money each month before the end of the month, and this was informally adopted as policy.

Roots School: At 7:30 pm, we had a visit from Brad and Sarah, who presented some of the items they have made at their school on Bear Notch Road. The school was founded in East Calais with the goal of building connections to make people care about environmental issues. They moved their operations to Bear Notch Road a couple years ago. The school offers classes for both adults and children, as well as summer camps, and what they call Roots Rendezvous, where several small classes/workshops are offered at once and the public can come and participate to find out what it's all about. Mention was made of Nick Neddo, who played a big role in the founding of the school and now lives here in town. His name had come up as a possible future presenter. Brad and Sarah might be willing to do a presentation as well – perhaps at WRVS? Or at the Town Hall? In addition, Frank (with his Town Forest committee hat on) asked if they might do a tracking or wild-plant workshop at the Town Forest. This would give them some exposure and would be a treat for local families. Their email address is info@rootsvt.com.

Apple Orchard: We have more trees coming at the end of April. At our next meeting, we'll set a date for planting and make a list of volunteers to contact. Mowing: we may hire Jeremy Flye to do this once a month to save Dan (Wing) from having to do it all the time. Dan might still be willing to help during the heavy mowing period in late spring-early summer. For the long term, we should probably add this to the budget. Frank made a motion to reimburse Ginny \$120 for lime and \$30 for mowing. Marian seconded and the motion passed unanimously. For grant purposes, we need to be more specific about revenues and donations. Ginny will produce accounting of trees – she has paid for them already.

Bottles: Glynn collected \$101 in January and has submitted that to Susan F.

Bottle duty: 2/7, Marian; 2/14, Frank; 2/21, Earl; 2/28, Gabe

Town Meeting: Frank wrote up a paragraph detailing what the CCC has accomplished this year and has submitted it to the Committee that produces the Town Report. This same paragraph can be sent to the Upper Valley Land Trust folks for their comprehensive list of what Vermont conservation commissions are offering to their towns.

Green Up: We should plan on picking up the expense for this again. The State provides bags, but last year there was a glitch with this, and Frank ended up using the Town dump truck to transport bottles, cans, and trash in bulk – which costs less than by the bag. Our stipend from the Town (\$250) nearly covered this expense.

Events: **Roaring Ridge full-moon trail hike:** Eight people ended up showing. It was super cold that night, which may account for the low attendance, but we did have two new Corinthians from Corinth Corners.

Future events: **Tracking with Alcott Smith:** Marian spoke with Alcott. He will do essentially what he did last March, a morning and an afternoon workshop (9-12 am and 1-4 pm, with lunch provided from 11 to 12). Marian will advertise this on the LRN the week of 2/8-2/15, and Glynn will re-post a week later. People who want to sign up will contact Glynn.

Next meeting will take place on 3/2 at 7:00.

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

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: March 2, 2015 (unapproved)

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

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:03 p.m.

February minutes were approved unanimously. (Frank moved, Marian seconded.)

Agenda changes: Becky Buchanan asked to come and address us briefly about Green-Up

Apple Orchard: The first \$1000 came in from the granting organization when we submitted invoices to them. The next 10 trees (again 2 pears and 8 apples) have been ordered and paid for. They will be planted when the ground gets soft enough.

Bottles: Linda collected \$109.85 and will submit that sum to Susan F.

Bottle duty: 3/7, Frank; 3/14, Linda; 3/21, Glynn; 3/28, Marian

Town Meeting: Glynn will speak about both the apple orchard and the CCC in general. / Linda will pass out brochures from Casella with details about what's recyclable and what becomes of our recyclables.

Green Up: Becky Buchanan showed up at 7:15 to pick up the green-up map for display at Town Meeting (map courtesy of Peter Allen). Green-Up is a private organization, not state-run (as many people think). Historically, this organization has had funding from large corporations such as Casella, Subaru, and Green Mountain Power, but some of that funding has been cut in recent years. For the last couple of years, we have carted the Green-Up Day refuse to East Montpelier in a town truck. Joe Blodgett uses a separate truck for this purpose, because everything needs to be weighed. Tires are treated separately. The \$250 stipend we receive from the town approximately pays for the cost of this transport. Details can be found on the Town Web Site under Services.

Future events: Tracking with Alcott Smith, Saturday, March 7: Marian will re-post this event on the LRN. Ginny, Marian, and Joan will do lunch. Glynn will make some chai.

Next meeting will take place on 4/6 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 (Linda moved, Marian seconded).

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: April 16, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Frank Roderick, Glynn Pellagrino, Marian Cawley

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:37 p.m. (meeting was postponed till 4/16 because of absences of two members)

March minutes were approved unanimously. (Frank moved, Glynn seconded.)

Agenda changes: No changes

Bottles: Linda collected money before she left and will submit to Susan F. (We are not yet sure how much she collected.)

Bottle duty: 4/18, Frank; 4/25, Glynn; 5/2, Gabe; 5/9, Linda

Apple Orchard: Everything seems to be ready for planting day (5/9 at 1:00). Ginny has received most of the trees already and is keeping them in cold storage.

Green Up: Becky Buchanan asked for help handing out bags on 5/2. Marian and Glynn will help in shifts. Trash will be collected in a pile and hauled away by the Joe Blodgett. We pay by the ton, with \$2/tire extra. *Marian will check with Becky again to make sure there's nothing else she needs.*

New members: *Marian will follow up with Kevin Buchanan.*

Future events: Possible birding workshops in May. Someone will talk with John Sutton.

Next meeting will take place on 5/4 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 (Frank moved, Marian seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Cawley

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: May 4, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin

Meeting called to order by chair at 6:40 p.m. (meeting was scheduled early to allow members to go to the WRVS school meeting)

April minutes were approved unanimously. (Linda moved, Glynn seconded.)

Agenda changes: Linda asked to touch on money received/spent

Treasury: Need to find out what was spent on Green-Up transport (from transfer station to E. Montpelier). / Glynn will let Linda know the date the Orchard grant money was received. / The \$250 allocated to the CCC by the Town of Corinth has not yet been processed. / The money reimbursed to Ginny out of CCC funds will be replaced from the grant account

Bottles: Linda collected \$41.05 for March and \$76.75 for April. Town Treasurer will put these in our account.

Bottle duty: 5/9, Linda; 5/16, Glynn; 5/23, Marian; 5/30, Frank

Apple Orchard: Holes have been dug by Tom Loftus and there is one pile of manure for fertilizing. All but two of the trees have arrived (the final two are coming from a small Vermont operation). Ginny plans to get a truckload of bark mulch and will also talk to Bob Sandberg about compost. We are ready to plant and mulch as many trees as we have on May 9.

New members: *Marian will follow up with Kevin Buchanan.*

Future events: Birding workshop with John Sutton scheduled for 5/16 at 7:00 am, with a rain date the next day, 5/17. John wants to stress that we are "listening" as much as looking. Meeting place will be the Town Hall and we will walk out Tenney Road. Marian will make an LRN announcement: maximum of 8 people, who need to bring their own binoculars (and whatever else they feel they need).

Next meeting will take place on 6/1 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 (Linda moved, Glynn seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Cawley

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: June 1, 2015 (unapproved)

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

Present from the community: Ginny Barlow

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:09 p.m.

May minutes were approved unanimously. (Frank moved, Linda seconded.)

Agenda changes: Ginny wanted to submit an update on the community apple orchard, as follows.

Ginny brought copies of the grant and her expense report. In 2014, we spent just under \$700 of the grant moneys allotted to us (total \$2000). We have through December 2016 to spend the rest of the money. Around \$360 has been spent so far in 2015 (stakes, mulch, and fertilizer). We will need to buy fencing to supplement what's left over from fencing the first 10 trees.

Glynn made a motion to approve up to \$500 more for maintenance. Marian seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mowing so far has been voluntary, thanks to Dan Wing and Hal Drury. A watering schedule has been established for June, and Marian will update it in July. Louise Graf offered to prune.

Bottles: *We will look into clamps of some kind to hold the bags in place in the trash cans, as some of the cans are too big to stretch the bags over.*

Bottle duty: 6/6, Linda; 6/13, Ginny; 6/20, Marian; 6/27, Frank; 7/4, Gabe

Apple Orchard: *Holes have been dug by Tom Loftus and there is one pile of manure for fertilizing. All but two of the trees have arrived (the final two are coming from a small Vermont operation). Ginny plans to get a truckload of bark mulch and will also talk to Bob Sandberg about compost. We are ready to plant and mulch as many trees as we have on May 9.*

Trail maintenance: Ginny and Marian will hike Clement Loop to see how much maintenance is called for. Based on their findings we will set a maintenance date for 7/11 with a rain date of 7/12. *Marian will send out LRN notices about trail maintenance dates: a save-the-date notice as soon as recon has taken place, and at least 2 notices in the two weeks before 7/11.*

New members: *Marian and Glynn both talked with Brad Wheeler. Marian will follow up with him and will also revisit the subject with Kevin Buchanan.* The Town Forest plan is mostly complete, with a section on silviculture to add as an appendix. The Town Forest Committee (TFC) will automatically merge with the CCC (those who wish to), probably by the end of the summer. CCC can have up to 9 members. With the Town Forest Committee, we will be up to either 8 or 9, depending on who among the TFC decide to continue as CCC members.

Future events: Summer workshop possibilities suggested were wild edibles (maybe with the Roots School people this time), critical habitat identification, someone to speak on current use, and the state of farming/agriculture in Vermont. Current use would be a better event for the winter months. Glynn will ask Kenya Spiegel and Seth (Kenya's husband) if they'd be interested in talking about their farming

operation and how it fits into the bigger picture. They have an interest in and lots of experience with permaculture.

Next meeting will take place on 7/6 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 (Linda moved, Frank seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Cawley

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: July 6, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick, Brad Wheeler (from the community)

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:27 p.m.

Brad was welcomed as a prospective new MC member.

June minutes were approved unanimously. (Frank moved, Linda seconded.)

Agenda changes: Linda wanted to talk some about how the grant money is distributed, for bookkeeping purposes. In addition some time was taken to fill Brad in on the types of things we do, bottle procedures, etc.

Bottles: Clamps for securing bags to the larger trash cans are now kept on a little shelf at the back of the kiosk at the Transfer Station.

Linda collected \$117.50 for March and April and \$171.95 for May. She submitted these amounts to the Town Treasurer, but not till after June 1, so they will be applied to income for the new fiscal year.

Bottle duty: 7/11, Gabe; 7/18, Brad; 7/25, Glynn; 6/27, Frank; 8/1, Linda

Orchard update: There was some discussion about how grant money is distributed, and Glynn will send Linda copies of Ginny's communications with him regarding spending. To date, \$1349.14 of the grant money has been spent.

Trail maintenance will be focused on the Clement Loop. The trail definitely needs some work. There's some substantial washout at one stream crossing and a few largish trees down. Tools needed will be shovels (possibly), long-handled clippers, a chainsaw, and weed whackers. Marian and Glynn will bring water. It was decided that 10:00 is too late to start, so Marian will re-post on the LRN with an 8:00 start time. Anyone interested who is unable to come at 8:00 can find other workers on the trail.

New projects: Frank brought up the possibility of resource mapping in Corinth. The Bradford Conservation Commission has undertaken such a project and might be a resource for us. Brad also suggested that the Natural Resources Conservation Service might help us with soil mapping. He has connections there and will contact them. / More discussion about riparian buffer plantings and connecting with farmers whose fields border soame of the local waterways.

New members: Frank will recommend to the Select Board that Brad be appointed as a new member of the CCC.

Future events: Glynn will talk with Seth (Kenya Spiegel's husband) about giving a presentation on permaculture.

Next meeting will take place on 8/3 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 (Frank moved, Linda seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Cawley

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: August 10, 2015 (approved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick, Brad Wheeler (waiting approval from Selectboard), Guests Jason Fleury from NRCS and Mary Childs from White River Conservation District (WRCD)

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:03 p.m.

Added agenda items: Cookeville Mall

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

Riparian buffer discussion: Jason and Mary spoke at length about the different incentive programs available to landowners and farmers to plant a buffer zone of shrubs/trees. Under current Vermont law, farmers can harvest up to the edge of the stream bank but can't put manure within 10 feet of the stream. The latter number will change to 25 feet when new rules go into effect. For wildlife buffer, 35 feet of buffer is recommended. An additional advantage of such a buffer is that the water temperature will stay lower by being shaded, which is better for fish. / The main programs discussed were EQUIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program); CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program), a Farm Service Agency program; and Trees for Streams (the WRCD program). NRCS helps plan/design the buffer and pays on the finished product. They provide a cost estimate and will pay approximately 75% of that, in special cases (for landowners who are classified as "historically underserved"—those who are new farmers or minority groups) closer to 90%. / WRCD is 75 years old and was started BY farmers/landowners. Their eligibility standards are not as high as those of NRCS. Cost share is 90%. They like to get school and community groups involved in the planting and maintenance process. / Farmers/landowners who might be interested in planting a buffer would contact NRCS or WRCD either directly or through the CCC, and the agencies would send representatives to do a site visit. Based on that visit, the agencies would help farmers/landowners choose the best program for them. Our role (as CCC members) is to facilitate the contact between farmers/landowners and NRCS/WRCD. Both agencies left brochures and business cards with us. (Mary only had one business card, so Glynn kept it with the CCC important documents.) / There was some discussion after Mary and Jason left about the main piece of land we have concerns about—who owns it (Tom Loftus, Buonanduccis, and Slacks, we think), who works it, whether they'd be receptive. It seems to make sense to contact these folks directly.

Bottles: Linda picked up \$269 for an approximately six-week period. Marian (and Rick) did the unplanned bottle collection on August 8 (since our meeting was postponed by one week).

Bottle duty: Brad, 8/15; Ginny 8/22; Frank, 8/29; Glynn, 9/5; Geoffrey Hoots (community member), 9/12. (We planned into September, since our next meeting will be postponed because of Labor Day.)

New members: Gabe has officially resigned his position on the CCC. Frank spoke to the Town Forest Committee about their interest in joining the CCC now that the forest plan is in place. Courtney Haynes is a definite no, Kevin Eaton is leaning away from doing it, and Dina Dubois is thinking about it. We definitely need new members, so Marian will revisit inviting Kevin Buchanan to come to a meeting, with

hopes of recruiting him. Meanwhile, Frank will check with the Selectboard that confirming Brad Wheeler as a new CCC member is on their agenda.

Cookeville Mall: We are the custodians of the Mall, responsible for assigning someone to be volunteer coordinator and for making sure that things are running smoothly. Margaret and John Loftus have been taking care of things this summer, since they are there selling their garden produce and liaising with their CSA customers, but there has been no official coordinator for about 2 months. We need to get someone to do that. The Mall is open 10-12 on Saturdays. In the winter, it is 11-12 (only 1 hour). Marian and Linda will send out an LRN notice requesting volunteers and reminding people that the Mall is a swap shop—they can bring stuff they no longer want and swap it for stuff OTHER people no longer want.

Future project possibilities: Ted Levin on rattlesnakes. / Program on new composting and recycling law. / Laura Waterman on her experience with trail design and maintenance and the White and Green Mountains generally. / Mary Holland. / Sue Morse (Keeping Track). Marian will contact both Ted Levin and Laura Waterman, ask them what kind of presentation they might do and how much they would charge.

Next meeting: September 10, 2015, at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 (Marian moved, Brad seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Cawley

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES: September 10, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick, Brad Wheeler (waiting approval from Selectboard), Guest Kimberly Hotelling (prospective new member)

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

Added agenda items: Revisit riparian buffer discussion

August minutes were approved unanimously with the change from John Loftus to Jonathan Durham (Frank moved, Glynn seconded).

Public comment: None.

There was some discussion of the CCC's mission and function for Kimberly's benefit. We offer educational programs, advise the Selectboard on conservation matters, plant trees, maintain trails, maintain our orchard, and oversee the running of the Cookeville Mall. The CCC established the Cookeville Mall and applied for and received funding for our community orchard.

New members: Kevin Buchanan has agreed to serve as a CCC member beginning in October. Kimberly will let us know whether she plans to return as a prospective member. Of the Town Forest Committee members, three are definitely not interested. Dina may join us.

Action items: Marian will post a notice in the LRN about Ted Levin's upcoming presentation, including a bio from Ted. Brad proposed recording the presentation and posting it on the Town Web site. Marian will ask Ted how he feels about being videotaped. Marian will speak to Linda about making posters for the event.

Future projects: Possible winter program about new state recycling law, either inviting someone from the state to talk to the community or interviewing someone from the state and providing the community with information gleaned from the interview. There is a video available on single-source recycling, which could be screened (single-source recycling centers are in Essex and Williston). A discussion about composting could be included as well. We could ask Bob Sandberg to talk about his composting operation, which would give him an opportunity to let community members know that he has a compost container at the landfill.

Bottles: We need to pick up the bottles as soon as possible after the landfill closes on Saturdays, as someone (not a CCC member) has helped themselves to the cache for the last two weeks.

Bottle duty: Marian 9/19; Brad 9/26; Kimberly 10/3.

Cookeville Mall: Becky Buchanan spoke to Margaret Loftus (temporary coordinator) at the Mall. Now that Margaret and John's CSA is winding down, things should be back on track. Glynn will check with Margaret to see whether she's willing to coordinate.

Potential riparian buffer project: We need to talk to the landowners. Brad will speak to Dan Carter, who owns land along Rte. 25 in East Corinth. Glynn will talk to Becky Loftus about their land along the Meadow Brook.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 (Marian moved, Frank seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Cawley

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: October 5, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Linda Tobin, Kimberly Hotelling (waiting approval from Selectboard), Kevin Buchanan (also waiting for approval)

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

Added agenda items: Revisit riparian buffer discussion / ideas for future programs

Minutes: September minutes were reviewed by Glynn and approved unanimously (Glynn moved, Linda seconded).

Public comment: Dina Dubois, from the Town Forest Committee, visited to talk about posting of events on the Town Web Site. We have not done this, at least in the last year and a half or so, and it's a great idea. Dina will talk to Anne McKinsey (the Web Site Coordinator) about the cost of posting a couple of photos vs. a slide show and will ask if Anne could come and address the CCC, perhaps at our next meeting. Events and pictures could also be posted on Facebook – Jen Spanier is willing to do this as a community service.

New members: Kevin Buchanan has agreed to serve as a CCC member beginning in October. Kimberly would also like to join the Commission. Her name and Kevin's will be submitted to the Selectboard as prospective new members. Dina may join us as well when the Town Forest Committee wraps up their business.

Action items: *Marian will post another notice in the LRN about Ted Levin's upcoming presentation and will ask Anne McKinsey to post it on the Corinth Web Site. / Glynn will ask Anne Bergeron if she could make a poster for the event. / Glynn will send email to the Selectboard asking them to add appointment of Kimberly and Kevin to the CCC to their agenda*

Ted Levin talk: Posters are needed pronto for the event. Perhaps we can use an illustration from Ted's soon-to-be-published book, as well as a photo of Ted (there's one already on the Town Web Site from a Town Forest event). Brad will hang some posters in Barre, and other MC members will hang them locally. Brad, Marian, and Glynn will arrive early on 10/15 to set up the hall (Ted will be there early as well), and Brad will bring his video camera and tripod to the event.

Future projects/events: Glynn spoke to Bessie and Bob Sandberg about doing a presentation on their compost operation and they were very receptive – we need to set a date for this, probably in the winter.

Ideas for other future projects/events: Possible talks by Didi Piershouse about soil conservation and by Steve Long regarding the hurricane of 1938 (his book will be published in spring of 2016, and he would prefer to wait till after publication to make a presentation so that he can offer the book for sale to community members). / Possible full-moon snowshoe hike, like last winter (hopefully warmer than last winter's!) / Possible late fall program about Japanese knotweed and its healing powers (proactive treatment of an invasive species!) by Kimberly Hotelling (this would have to happen sometime in the next few weeks, before the ground freezes hard, since we would be digging the roots. / Possible presentation on the demise of honeybees and bumblebees.

Bottles: Linda talked about the procedure for picking up and redeeming bottles for the benefit of both Kimberly and Kevin. / Brad gave Linda \$20 from the Barre redemption center, where he redeemed the bottles from his last bottle duty (the actual amount was \$16 and change, but he didn't want change). Linda collected \$183.30 from the Bradford Redemption Center and has submitted it to Susan Fortunati for our coffers.

Bottle duty: 10/10, Linda; 10/17, Brad; 10/24, Glynn; 10/31, Kevin; 11/7, Frank.

Cookeville Mall: Glynn hasn't caught up with Ginny or Margaret yet, but will. Mall hours are currently 9-12 from May 1 to November 1, and 10-11 from November 1 to May 1 (checked this with Ginny).

Riparian buffer follow-up: Brad spoke to Gary Bicknell about his property along the Waits River. Gary was somewhat reluctant to give up any productive land, and in any event doesn't think planting trees in the area along the river would work in his case because of how steep the descent to the river is. Brad contacted Mary Childs (White River Conservation District) and is waiting to hear back from her. There was some discussion about reimbursement for the approximate acre that would be buffered. NRCS does this, so we may put them in touch with Gary. / He also checked out (by sight) the land owned by the Carters and noted that there is an old car (etc?) dump there. While this doesn't really fall under the category of a potential buffer zone, it is no doubt affecting water quality. Brad will speak to Dan Carter about organizing a clean-up there.

Next meeting: November 2, 2015, at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 (Glynn moved, Linda seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: November 2, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick, Brad Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan (awaiting appointment), Alexis Gatz (member of public)

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

Minutes: Review of October minutes, unanimously approved. (Glynn moved, Frank seconded)

Public comment: Alexis Gatz came to observe the meeting, out of personal interest.

Ted Levin talk on Timber Rattlesnakes follow up. Attendance at talk was about 20 people. Linda submitted an invoice for payment to the town and will send a thank you card to Ted. Everyone agreed the talk was very good. Thanks to Bill Tobin for putting together the great slides.

Bottles: There was some confusion about the bottle pick up schedule for the last two weeks in October; however, it worked out fine.

Bottle duty: Frank 11/7: Glynn 11/14: Marian 11/21: Brad 11/28: Kevin 12/5.

Winter Activities:

Brad proposed hosting a square dance as a fundraiser. Linda attends a dance locally and would inquire about a caller. The Waits River Valley School was proposed as a site to hold the dance because of the need for space to dance. Other activities included another full moon snowshoe and a tracking workshop, either with Alcott Smith or the folks from the Roots School. Also a program on composting and the new recycling law will be considered. No dates were set.

Other Business: Glynn submitted sixty-five dollars in cash from the Cookeville Mall donation bottle to Linda. The mall continues to be staffed by volunteers. The winter hours begin in November. Winter hours are 10:00 a.m. To 11:00a.m. Saturdays.

Frank mentioned the budget meetings for the town are coming up this month and would attend and submit a request for this year of \$250.00 dollars to the committee for the Conservation Committee.

Ginny Barlow sent an email with a list of the types of trees planted in the apple orchard behind the town hall.

Next meeting is December 7, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. (Glynn moved, Frank seconded)

Respectfully submitted,
Glynn Pellagrino

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: December 7, 2015 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Linda Tobin, Brad Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan (awaiting appointment), Kimberly Hotelling (at 7:30, also awaiting appointment), Ginny Barlow (member of public)

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

Minutes: Review of November minutes, unanimously approved. (Marian moved, Linda seconded)

Agenda change: Added Ginny Barlow to the agenda.

Ginny had 4 issues to raise: 1) **request for reimbursement of \$334 orchard expense** (lime and fencing). Glynn moved to approve, Marian seconded, motion passed unanimously. / 2) **Steve Long's Hurricane of 1938 book** will be coming out March 22, and it was agreed that we should ask him to come and introduce, discuss, and possibly read from his book at a public gathering (something discussed already at a previous meeting). / 3) **Airing a movie about copper mines**. Ginny has seen it, thinks it is good, and says she can track down a copy for us. This led to some discussion about purchasing a projector so that we can show movies once a month (like the Bradford Conservation Commission does). / 4) **Cookeville Mall: Ginny wants to resign as scheduler/overseer**. The CCC will begin the process of replacing her. Ginny also wondered whether it should just be closed for the winter instead of open for 1 hour on Saturdays. We decided that could be up to whoever takes over for her as scheduler. There was some discussion also about putting limits on how much an individual can take and whether a donation should be required before people can take an item(s). The general consensus seemed to be no to both. No formal action was taken.

Coppermine movie: Maybe the Corinth Historical Society would like to bring some old maps of Corinth and do a joint presentation when we show the film. Ginny thinks the Vermont Historical Society has a wealth of information and resources about this.

Winter Tracking Workshop: Marian will call Alcott Smith about doing this. Possible locations would be the Roots School, behind Brad Wheeler's place, on Tenney Road (as previously), or in the wetlands across from Rick and Marian Cawley's place.

Square Dance: **Brad will pick up a disclaimer form from Waits River Valley School for their insurance files.** Linda approached Al Monty about calling the dance and he very generously agreed to do this for \$150, a discount from his usual fee. **Linda gave Brad a list of possible dates (2/5, 2/6, 2/19), and he will ask the school which of these dates would work with their gym schedule.**

Greening up: Brad wondered if in addition to Green-up Day we might want to invite people to "adopt" a section of their road to keep clean year-round. We don't want this to interfere with Green-Up Day, just to broaden people's participation in keeping our town clean. It was proposed that we could offer these people a free "grabber" for picking up the trash (less bending, cleaner hands). **Brad will ask Aubuchon whether we can order a case of grabbers through them and how much this would cost.**

Bottles: Brad brought \$21.20 in cash from bottle redemption in Barre. He noted that when he picked up bottles, the box of new garbage bags was not there, nor were the twisty ties. We will try to keep them in a less conspicuous spot from now on (in the used-garbage-bag trash can). Brad also noted that there is a fair amount of trash and nonredeemable receptacles in with our bottles. Glynn proposed that we do an educational monitoring of what gets put in the CCC bottle barrels. We might have to educate ourselves a bit about what is and isn't recyclable to do this. **Brad will draft a reminder to people about what's redeemable, circulate it through the CCC, and post it on the Local Resource Network.**

Bottle schedule for December-January: 12/5, Kevin; 12/12, Frank; 12/19, Kimberly; 12/26, Brad; 1/2, Glynn and Marian; 1/9, Linda and Brad (scheduled teams for the two Saturdays after New Year's, in anticipation of larger numbers of bottles/cans).

Next meeting: January 4, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 (Marian moved, Glynn seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley