

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: January 4, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Brad Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan (awaiting appointment; arrived 7:30), Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick

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

Minutes from December 7, 2015 unanimously approved (Frank moved, Brad seconded).

Action items: Marian will make poster for square dance

Brad will make LRN announcement for square dance

Marian will follow up with Linda about the space issue and possible change of venue

Marian will call Alcott Smith about doing a tracking walk in March

Marian will forward Dina's email re Cookeville Mall to rest of members

February square dance: Linda had raised by phone with Marian the possibility of changing the square dance venue to the Town Hall because we think the acoustics might be better here, and she asked for the approximate dimensions of the space. We paced them off as about 25 x 60 ft, but noting that there are 3 large posts in the room. Linda will decide whether this will work. Brad is awaiting final confirmation from Waits River Valley School that 2/6/2016 beginning set-up at 5:30 will be ok. The Town may be able to add WRVS to their insurance policy to cover this event. Brad has contacted Susan Fortunati about this but has not received a response.

Orchard: Approximately \$1000 is left of our grant money. This will be spent on mowing, pruning, organic pesticides, manure, and mulch. Brad raised the possibility of adding some beehives, to be discussed with Ginny Barlow. A brief discussion ensued about mowing a path from the parking lot to the orchard; Frank noted that there may be a new access to the field from the corner of the parking lot because of the new leach field. Dan Wing would prefer that access NOT be through his back yard.

Cookeville Mall: temporarily closed. Ginny and Amy may clear some stuff out. For now, we plan to reopen in April or May. Dina had offered, by email to Marian, to be of some assistance. Marian will forward the email to the group.

Composting-law forum: Glynn has talked with Bob Sandberg, who would be interested in doing this. It would be good to have, in addition, perhaps someone from the ANR. No date was discussed.

Other possible events: Talk about renewable energy (Howie Michaelson was mentioned as someone who is a professional solar installer, both residential and commercial). Feds have renewed the solar/wind incentives for 5 years. We might discuss the possibility of a large-scale wind or solar project.

Town Forest Committee: Forest management plan will be turned over to the Select Board at their February meeting. This committee was an ad hoc undertaking to make and label trails and draw up a silvicultural plan. There are now 2-3 miles of trails, all marked. CCC will add these trails to their trail-maintenance projects.

Bottles: Brad gave Glynn \$25.15 from the Barre redemption center to pass on to Linda at next meeting.

Bottle duty: 1/9, Linda/Brad; 1/16, Kevin; 1/23, Marian; 1/30, Frank

Next meeting: February 1, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 (Marian moved, Frank seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: February 1, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Brad Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan (arrived 7:30), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick

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

Minutes from January 4, 2016 unanimously approved (Frank moved, Linda seconded).

Action items for square dance:

Brad will bring a water jug and lights (for decoration)

Linda will bring juice, popcorn, napkins, chips, reflectors (for the driveway), and tape

Marian and Becky will make cookies and Marian will bring a jar of salsa

Glynn will bring crackers, maybe tea, and some information about our group

Action items for tracking workshop with Alcott:

Marian will call Alcott to confirm and will start LRN posts this week

Marian will speak to Anne McKinsey about posting on the Town Web Site.

Linda and Toby will send emails to our email list

Other action items: Marian will speak to Becky Buchanan about being on the 3/7 meeting agenda re Green-Up

Conservation Commission laws: Frank distributed copies of the section on conservation commissions in the Vermont statutes, which gives a summary of the types of things we can participate in.

Square dance on 2/6: Brad stopped by WRBS and dropped off our certificate of insurance (we are piggybacking on the Town policy (League of Cities and Towns has a group insurance policy). He confirmed with the custodian (Perry) that we can start setting up at 5:00. Al will arrive at 6:30. For set-up, we'll need a table on stage for Al Monty, a table or 2 for attendees, and chairs along the sidelines. We'll also have a table with info about the CCC, perhaps some pictures and the summary of what we've done over the last couple years, which Glynn has already submitted to Nancy Ertle/Lynn Sciortino for the town report. We can include info about future events – the tracking workshop with Alcott Smith and Steve Long's talk about his book. Brad has a key to the building and a phone number for Perry.

Tracking workshop with Alcott Smith: Marian spoke to Alcott by phone and settled on Saturday, March 12 as the day for his tracking workshops. As previously, there will be one in the morning (9-12) and one in the afternoon (1-4), with lunch served at the Town Hall in between. Participants will meet at the Town Hall. We have not yet determined exact locations for the workshops, but Alcott has requested that they be different from each other and different from last year's. Possible locations are the Cawleys' wetlands, Glynn and Anne's (pretty steep going, though), Ginny's, and Brad's. Jen and John Spanier had at one time expressed an interest in people coming to their place – Marian will talk to them about how much wildlife they see there and whether this is a possibility.

Steve Long's book talk: Glynn and Steve settled on March 19 as the date for this, with the exact time yet to be determined. This will include a power-point presentation. Steve will have some books available and would like to have a Q&A and refreshments afterward.

Composting-law forum: Tabled for now. The law doesn't go into full effect until 2020, so we have time to set something up.

Other possible events: Talk about renewable energy and perhaps large-scale wind/solar project. Howie Michaelson is in the business and might speak to this (he's on his own now, no longer with Catamount). Some other names were raised – David Hooke (as representative of large-scale solar project plan in Vershire)

Town Forest: Now has visible boundaries – red dots on 2 sides of border trees. Management plan is nearly done. There's a kiosk, parking, and three color-coded trails with directional signs at intersections.

Bottles: Linda gave \$91 and \$25 to Susan. She still has \$41 to submit.

Bottle duty: 2/6, Glynn; 2/13, Brad; 2/20, Linda; 2/27, Kevin; 3/5, Kimberly

Next meeting: March 7, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 (Frank moved, Glynn seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: March 7, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Kevin Buchanan (arrived 7:30), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick

Guest: Becky Buchanan, to talk about Greenup

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

Agenda additions: Movie showing in Corinth (as done by Bradford CCC), need for a projector
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District supervisor

Minutes from February 1, 2016 unanimously approved (Frank moved, Linda seconded).

Action items Steve Long book talk and celebration:

Marian will call post on LRN and VN calendar

Marian will speak to Anne McKinsey about posting on the Town Web Site.

Marian will talk to Mary about refreshments

Linda and Toby will send emails to our email list this week

Action items for Greenup Day:

Linda will talk to Aubuchon's about ordering a case of grabbers

Tracking with Alcott Smith: Per Marian's discussion with Alcott about availability of animal tracks given the lack of snow and the forecast for more warm weather, we decided to cancel the workshops. Marian will let all prospective participants and Alcott know.

Steve Long book reading, signing, and celebration: Steve will bring the Northern Woodlands projector. We will be responsible for set-up and will help with refreshments: cheese/crackers, chips, salsa, wine, beer, water.

Green-Up: We're exempted from separating recyclables from trash because it's for Green-up. Peter Allen provided a laminated map of the town and Northern Woodlands is letting her use their whiteboard as an easel. Dry erase markers are attached for people to sign up for a portion of road to clean. CCC will subsidize payment to the waste district. Becky may get a box of clear plastic garbage bags for recyclables. "Grabbers" will be available for those who need/want them (for as long as the case lasts). The map can be up at Steve's talk and maybe at the library otherwise (if Ken thinks that's ok – right now it's at the Town Hall). Becky talked also about trying to get WRVS involved somehow. Marian suggested she contact Lynn Murphy (science teacher).

Cookeville Mall: Since the ordinance about alcohol sales in Corinth passed on Town Meeting day, the NW building downstairs may in future become a pub. There was some discussion about our options. 1. Stop altogether; or 2. Find a new space (some discussion about possible locations) and a coordinator.

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District: Joyce McKeeman has been the district supervisor but is stepping down. Susanne Smith asked Marian and Glynn if they would be interested in stepping in. Glynn is unable to do so, but Marian might be interested. She will talk to Susanne. In the meantime, Louise Graf and Bob Sandberg are alternates. Responsibilities include going to meetings once a month, keeping track of new legislation, and generally representing our town. Although Casella has provided us with recycling services for a decade, NEK now additionally provides recycling of electronic devices, tires, appliances – special recycling.

Kimberly Hotelling: Stepped down as Commissioner for personal/family reasons. We will look for someone to replace her, though we may wait till we see who from the Town Forest Committee wants to join the CCC.

Bottles: Frank gave Linda \$75 to submit to Susan Fortunati. Brad has an additional amount for her.

Bottle duty: 3/12, Frank; 3/19, Marian; 3/26, Glynn; 4/2, Kevin

Next meeting: April 4, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: April 4, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick. **Guest:** Ginny Barlow

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

Agenda additions: Ginny came to discuss apple orchard maintenance

Minutes from March 7, 2016 unanimously approved (Frank moved, Glynn seconded).

Action items:

Marian will set up a watering schedule for the summer.

Marian will connect with Kevin Gardner about doing his stone wall talk in Corinth in the fall.

Marian will hike Roaring Ridge trail to see if it needs any maintenance work.

Glynn will hike Clement Loop trail to see if it needs any maintenance work.

Linda will speak to Peggy Willey about a wild edibles workshop

Linda will speak to John Sutton about doing another bird walk.

Orchard: We need to buy a new pear tree to replace the one that died – a Summer Crisp. Luise Graf has volunteered to do some pruning. She will probably need at least one other person there to help hold the fences away from the trees while she prunes. Glynn thinks there is not much grant money left, but our only expenses should be fencing the orchard when the trees outgrow their current enclosures; mowing; manure/fertilizer; and mulch. We approved Ginny purchasing Progro, mulch, and a new pear tree. Newer trees will need to be watered during the warmer/dryer months; older trees also if it gets really dry. Ginny volunteered to water until June if it gets particularly dry. An orchard work day was scheduled for May 15, 2016, at 10:00. Perhaps either Forbes Morrell or Bob Machin could give us some tips about natural pest deterrents. Next year, we may want to have the soil tested again to determine whether or not we need to add more lime.

Cookeville Mall: Marian spoke to Chris Groschner, who says that we can continue to use the downstairs room of the Northern Woodlands building for the Mall. Dina has agreed to coordinate, and has already sent out emails to Margaret Loftus and Ginny to get a list of past volunteers. As a good-will gesture, she also approached Suzanne Upton, who lives on the green, about these Saturday morning activities. Margaret Loftus says she can work 1-1/2 hours on Saturdays through May. Linda Tobin agreed to make reminder calls to people who volunteer for specific Saturdays.

Green-Up (May 7): Becky Buchanan will post LRN notices regarding Green-Up Day. She'll mention Brad's Adopt-a-Highway idea. People who "adopt" will get to keep a grabber. Others can borrow one for the day. Linda will number the grabbers in permanent marker and they will be available at the Transfer Station as the day approaches. Linda purchased 20 grabbers from Aubuchon at a cost of around \$15 each. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve her purchase of \$317.79. (Marian moved, Frank seconded.)

Treasurer's Report: We have \$7558.44 in our account.

Bottles: Frank had a cash deposit for bottles for \$163, and Linda picked up another \$105 on Saturday (April 2).

Bottle duty: 4/9, Brad; 4/16, Linda; 4/23, Ginny; 4/30, Frank; 5/7 Glynn

Follow-up on Steve Long presentation: A great talk, and Steve sold most of the books he brought with him.

Future Events: *John Sutton Bird Walk:* Linda will call John. *Wild Edibles Workshop:* Linda will call Peggy Willey. *Talk about Stone Walls:* Anne McKinsey told us about Kevin Gardner, a stone-wall builder who lives in Hopkinton, NH, and speaks frequently about his craft throughout the region. Marian will call him to see if he'd

be willing to speak in Corinth sometime in the fall – perhaps October.

Trail Maintenance: Glynn will hike Clement Loop Trail to see if the newer loop needs maintenance. Marian will hike Roaring Ridge with the same goal. There will be a Town Forest trail maintenance day on April 24.

Next meeting: May 9, 2016. (Because the school meeting is on the first Monday)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: May 2, 2016 (approved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair) Linda Tobin, Frank Roderick, Brad Wheeler

Meeting called to order by chair at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes from April 4, 2016 approved (Glynn moved, Frank seconded).

Action items:

- Frank Roderick will go to Montpelier to accept an award for the Corinth Conservation Commission from the Vermont Urban and Community Forest Program at their Arbor Day Conference.
- Orchard work day scheduled for May 15, 2016, 9–11.

Green Up Day: Becky Buchanan gave out bags at transfer station and grabbers donated by the Conservation Commission. Bags will be stored in the salt shed at the transfer station until the town takes them. CCC will cover the cost of disposal.

Bird Walk: A bird walk was held on Saturday April 30th with John Sutton, in Bradford by the railway. Linda Tobin and Glynn Pellagrino accompanied John on a walk along the tracks and fields by the river, over 30 different species were observed including an American Pipet. A second walk will take place on Saturday May 14th in Corinth on Tenney road. The Tenney road walk is full eight people are signed up.

Cookeville Mall: The Cookeville Mall will open the weekend of May 7th. Margaret Loftus will be opening and selling greens from their farm. Dina Dubois is coordinating volunteers.

Wild Edible Walk: Peggy Willey will lead a wild edibles walk in mid June, date yet to be determined.

Possible events: Linda proposed an invasive plant talk.

Renewable Energy Siting: Glynn brought up the current bill being discussed on the state level regarding the siting of renewable energy projects and suggested we might want to consult with the planning commission on this issue to see if it is relevant for Corinth. Frank said the town plan was up for a rewrite next year and that it could be addressed then. He also reported that the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission was addressing this issue regionally.

Fire Station: There is a new plan being put forward for a new fire station in Corinth and we discussed possible input around renewable energy systems for heating and electricity and whether that might be suggested for incorporation into the new building.

New Members: We discussed the need to add new members with Kevin Eaton and Dina Dubois as possible additions from the Town Forest Committee. We will reach out to them to see if they are interested.

Bottles: Frank had a receipt for 77.00 dollars. Brad had a cash deposit of \$46.85.

Bottle duty: Glynn 5/7, Brad 5/14, Kevin 5/21, Marian 5/28, Linda 6/4.

Next Meeting: Monday June 6, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 (Linda moved, Frank seconded)

Respectfully submitted,

Glynn Pellagrino

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: June 6, 2016 (approved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick, Kevin Buchanan. **Guest:** Rebecca Buchanan, Green-Up Coordinator

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:11 p.m.

Agenda additions: None

Minutes from May 9, 2016 unanimously approved (Marian moved, Frank seconded).

Action items:

Marian will make LRN post about Peggy Willey's wild-edibles workshop.

Linda will contact the bat rehabilitator

Linda will try to retrieve grabbers given out on Green-Up Day

Green-Up Follow-Up: Becky brought Green-Up Day Statistics for the group. Total cost to the town was \$451.74, a difference of \$168.18 from last year. The number of volunteers was up by a lot (8 to 57). There were a lot of tires (cost based on weight, not number) and some question about whether some tires were dropped off that weren't green-up tires. Overall, the day was a success, with many volunteers separating the recyclables from trash. Only four people took advantage of the offer of grabbers. Of those, a couple people were interested in adopting their stretch of "highway" and can keep their grabbers. Linda will try to retrieve the others. Becky recommended that we add green-up costs to our annual budget.

Orchard Work Day Follow-Up: A big success. There were 11 volunteers, and all the items on the task list were completed. A new pear tree was planted, and all trees were mulched and composted. Weed-whacking was done as well. A small amount of the grant money still needs to be spent by June of 2017. Glynn will write up the report that is required under the terms of the grant. We have pictures from the various work days. Kevin proposed that we put a bench up in the orchard for people to sit and enjoy the space. It was also suggested that we have an annual orchard/apple festival, details to be pondered.

Summer Events: Sunday, June 26, 10:00-12:00 –Wild Edibles Workshop with Peggy Willey.

Town Forest Hearing: July 11, meeting for public input at a regular Selectboard meeting.

Bottles: Frank had a cash deposit for bottles for \$163, and Linda picked up another \$105 on Saturday (April 2).

Bottle duty: 6/11, Brad; 6/18, Kevin; 6/25, Glynn; 7/2, Marian

Other Business: Linda proposed inviting Bat Man (a fellow who, with his wife, rehabilitates bats) to make a presentation to the town to increase awareness and satisfy curiosity. Linda proposed also making a donation to his efforts. Instead, we will add in our letter to him that if there's anything the Commission could do to help with his rehabilitation project, he should let us know. Linda will make contact.

Next meeting: July 7, 2016 (because the first Monday is July 4)

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 (Marian moved, Frank seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: July 7, 2016 (approved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Frank Roderick, Kevin Buchanan, Brad Wheeler. **Guests:** Virginia Barlow and Susanne Smith

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:42 p.m.

Agenda changes: None

Minutes from June 6, 2016 unanimously approved (Glynn moved, Kevin seconded).

Action items:

Marian will speak to Kimberly Hotelling.

Linda will contact the bat rehabilitator

Glynn/Ginny will work on the orchard report

Public Comment: none

Orchard Business: Grant money expenditures, ?\$1800. Glynn spent \$225 on a 6-ft spruce picnic table for the orchard, purchased from South Corinth resident Bud Labardie. Since the table was purchased before 6/30, it will go into our 2015-2016 calendar-year expenditures. Mr. Labardie also offered to donate a child-size picnic table if he is unable to sell it. The table will require staining and blocks under the legs. This expenditure will use up the remainder of our grant money. It was approved unanimously (Marian moved, Kevin seconded). Hal Drury and Dan Wing have made substantial donations of time, and there was some discussion about how to recognize this. Perhaps an apple-blossom celebration next spring. / On reviewing the grant requirements it was noted that we need to maintain records of costs for 3 years. Glynn and Ginny are working on the report that must be submitted by July 31. Susanne noted that we should include something about the CCC Tree Steward award in our report.

Summer Events: Marian and Brad may lead a mushroom walk. / Kimberly Hotelling will be asked to do a plant walk/workshop with a focus on medicinal properties. / Some discussion about changing our policy regarding payment of workshop presenters. For now, we will leave things as they are, but may revisit this in the future.

Peggy Willey plant walk follow-up: Limited to 8 people. 9 showed, and 5 were turned away.

Composting Law: Need to put out information on this. Marian (as NEKSWD supervisor) will talk to Paul Tomasi (NEKSWD director) about how to educate our community about the law, as this is a piece of the SWIP (solid-waste implementation plan). She will also review the most recent notes and notes for the next NEKSD meeting (7/12). Information is available on the Corinth town web site under NEK. Corinth is an e-waste-certified center (anyone in Vermont can bring their e-waste to us). We will revisit this at our next meeting.

Town Forest Hearing: July 11, meeting for public input at a regular Selectboard meeting (Frank reminds us).

Trail Maintenance: will review this at our next meeting.

Bottles: Linda collected \$181.80 on 7/7, and Brad collected \$29.35 on 6/11 (total \$211.15).

Bottle duty: 7/9, Brad; 7/16 Ginny; 7/23 Kevin; 7/30, Linda

Next meeting: August 2, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 (Frank moved, Kevin seconded).

Respectfully submitted, Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: August 1, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino (chair), Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Dina Dubois, Kevin Eaton.
Guest: Suzanne Opton

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:42 p.m.

Agenda changes:

1. Nancy Jones/Bradford Conservation Commission proposal
2. CCC T-shirts

Approval of July minutes: Unanimous (Glynn moved, Linda seconded).

Action items:

Marian will make clarifications with Kimberly Hotelling.

Kevin Eaton will submit a list of volunteers who helped with Town Forest trail maintenance.

Glynn will follow up with Nancy Jones about cosponsoring the Bird Diva presentation

Marian will speak to Paul Tomasi (director of Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District

Kevin E. and Dina will prepare a report on Town Forest grant money for next meeting

Public Comment: Suzanne expressed an interest in the CCC and was curious about our activities/mission. Glynn gave an overview, with a list of some of the things we've done.

Town Forest Committee: Dina and Kevin, as members of the ad hoc Town Forest Committee, and now officially appointed Conservation Commission members, talked a little about their Town Forest Plan. All sections that referred to the Town Forest Committee will now say "Corinth Conservation Commission." The ban on bicycling and horseback riding on the TF trails has been changed to "Pedestrian trail walking is preferred for Town Forest trails." / Dina and Kevin distributed to each member a postcard and a brochure with a map of the forest trails. A reference book about what other Town Forest Committees do is now in the CCC drawer in the Town Hall. They also introduced the "weed wrench", which will be kept in the Town Hall basement. Grant money is still available for aluminum tags to let people know they're entering/exiting the Town Forest. This grant money, from the Open Space Conservancy, can only be used for Town Forest purposes. / At our next meeting, Dina and Kevin will present a treasurer's report. / There was some discussion also about the Jackson Hole wildlife film festival, screened a few years ago, and the possibility of screening that again. / Dina proposed that the CCC, with new members, do a hike together on the trails, but no date was set.

Orchard Business: Glynn submitted the final report to the granting organization (Vermont Parks and Rec Caring for Canopies). There was some difficulty sending the photos, but Glynn will do what needs to be done to complete the process. All grant moneys have been spent. / Glynn submitted the final receipt for the picnic table to Linda. We still need to apply sealant, and Glynn proposed Thompson's water sealant.

Plant walk with Kimberly Hotelling: This is on for August 27, 9-12. Marian will follow up with Kimberly about 1) what trail to do the walk on – Clement Loop? She will also double-check time frame and capacity (whether KH wants to limit the number of participants).

Bradford Conservation Commission: Nancy Jones contacted Glynn to see if the CCC would like to cosponsor with the BCC a presentation by Bridget Butler, the Bird Diva. The BCC meets 8/3 to finalize their plans. Presumably, we would pay half of the cost (approximately \$300). A motion was made to that effect and unanimously approved. (Marian moved, Dina seconded). The presentation would probably be in Bradford. Glynn will follow up with Nancy Jones and report back to us. / There was some discussion about proposing that

BCC share in a possible rescreening of the Jackson Hole Wildlife film festival.

Conservation Commission T-shirts: Linda picked up a box of these from Nancy Ertle. They had been stored at the Town Hall and Nancy was cleaning out. Each member of the CCC was given a t-shirt and Glynn took the remainder with him.

Composting Law: Graduated implementation over 8 years. This year began the full-out ban on yard waste. The amount of tonnage allowed as solid waste goes down each year from 2012 to 2020. At our next meeting we will revisit the idea of an educational presentation to the town about this law. Marian (as NEKSWD supervisor) will talk to Paul Tomasi (NEKSWD director) about how to educate our community about the law, as this is a piece of the SWIP (solid-waste implementation plan). / There was some discussion about how to make townspeople more aware of what can be recycled and where the different stations are. Perhaps a map, kind of like the Town Forest maps, and large-print signs at each station? More on this at our next meeting.

Trail Maintenance: Clement Loop definitely needs some. Town Forest trails have been maintained more recently.

Bottle duty: 8/6, Brad; 8/13, Marian; 8/20, Glynn; 8/27, Kevin Eaton, 9/3, Brad

Next meeting: September 12, 2016 (usual day changed because of Labor Day)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: September 12, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Dina Dubois, Kevin Eaton.

Absent: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Kevin Buchanan

Meeting called to order by chair at 7:20 p.m.

Agenda changes: None

Approval of August minutes: Tabled till our October meeting because of the minimal attendance

Action items:

Dina will make LRN announcement about trail maintenance

Dina will stand at Transfer Station on Saturday to solicit volunteers to lighten the bottle-duty load

Marian will repost the Bird Diva announcement on the LRN

Dina will print out four (4) copies of the final approved Town Forest management plan

Brad will respond to the letter from the Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Clean Water Advisory

Committee about their letter asking for appointees to the committee

All members will hang posters for Bird Diva event

Town Forest Committee: Discussed changes in Town Forest plan that eliminated the prohibition on horseback riding and mountain biking on the trails. Brad mowed the landing (where the kiosk and parking are)..

Of the original Town Forest grant moneys (\$16,000 from the Open Space Initiative), \$2629.38 remains to be spent on general needs for the Town Forest. Susan Fortunati will look into adding this amount as a line item in our CCC account. The amount cannot be added to – it can only get used up. Invoices for aluminum tags and red paint from Redstart Forestry are pending, and there is a tentative plan to install a picnic table at the height of the land. Dina has lost her copy of the full Town Forest plan with appendices. Brad and Marian will check their files to see if they have it. Dina will print out 4 copies of the final approved management plan and update the four notebooks prepared for the public meeting to include the changes decided on at that meeting.

Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC): Steve Long interrupted our meeting to ask if the Selectboard could appoint someone from the CCC to serve as our town representative to the newly founded CWAC. Brad will talk to them.

Bridge Butler, Bird Diva: Event happening on Tuesday, September 27. Glynn received approval of date/time from the Bradford CC, so we can start publicizing the event through posters and listservs.

Trail Maintenance: We decided to set a trail maintenance date for this Saturday (September 17) from 9 to 11. Dina will provide cider and donuts. In addition, we will need to set a a date for Clement Loop Trail maintenance at our next meeting.

Bottle duty: 9/10, Brad; 9/17, Kevin Buchanan; 9/24, Marian; 9/31, Glynn; 10/6, Brad

Next meeting: October 3, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 (Brad moved, Kevin Eaton seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: October 3, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Dina Dubois, Kevin Buchanan, and Kevin Eaton

Late arrivals: Kevin B. and Kevin E.

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

Action items:

Dina will make sign, laminate, and hang on Town Forest gate

Glynn will try to locate our mission statement

Glynn will speak to Ed Pospisil if he sees him about storing picnic table in FD shed

Linda will contact Bat Man: does he do presentations? In what ways might we support his efforts?

Marian will contact the Stone Wall guy

Marian will talk to Paul Tomasi (NEKSWD) about participating in Compost Law presentation

Brad will purchase 6 metal garbage cans and bags

Brad will contact all 3 new bottle transporters: Dutton Vought, John Hathaway, and Asa Porter

Agenda Changes: 1. Request for CCC funding from Town: need to submit a request to Susan Fortunati by November 1. We will ask for \$500. **2.** AVCC annual meeting.

Approval of August/September minutes: August minutes were approved unanimously (Glynn moved, Linda seconded); September minutes were approved with change in language about Dina's copy of the complete Town Forest plan.

Public Comment: None

Bridget Butler presentation follow-up: Attendance was a little low but those who attended responded enthusiastically. Nancy Jones (BCC chair) will send us an invoice for \$200 (half Bridget's bill). Glynn talked to Nancy Jones about collaborating on more presentations. This led to discussion followed about...

AVCC (Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions) Annual Meeting: To be held on 10/22 at the Lake Morey Inn. Linda Tobin will go as the CCC representative. A motion was made and adopted unanimously to reimburse Linda the \$40 attendance fee (Glynn moved, Marian seconded). Some discussion followed about whether we have renewed our AVCC membership. This can probably be done at the meeting. The attendance fee may be less depending on our membership status.

Town Forest: Seven people turned out for the Town Forest work day. We checked all trails except the upper part of the Orange section. There were a few trees down, and one sign needs to be repaired. We still need to set a date for maintenance on Clement Loop. Dina will follow up with Courtney, Frank, and Kevin about reimbursing Redstart Forestry for aluminum tags and paint. Courtney has been in contact with Voss Signs, and we await a quote from them. / Some discussion followed about putting up a sign on the Town Forest gate letting visitors to the forest know that the Town Forest is open to hunters. Dina volunteered to make such a sign, laminate it, and hang it. / Additional maintenance: Kevin B. and Brad will finish up on 10/21 and then head over to Clement Loop if they have time.

CCC mission: There was some discussion here about the CCC's mission. Generally, it is to oversee the health of our natural resources and to educate townspeople about them through programs and events. Glynn will try to find the actual mission statement. We should post it on our web page/FB page.

Orchard: Picnic table needs to be painted/stained/sealed. If this doesn't happen this year, we need to put a tarp over it or ask the Fire Dept. (Ed Pospisil, chief) if we might be able to store it in their shed. Glynn sees FD members occasionally and will ask.

Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC): Brad feels he does not have time to take this on. We will need to revisit this in November.

Fall/Winter program possibilities: 1. *Bat presentation:* Linda will contact this man and see if he does presentations. Otherwise we will decide how much to donate to his bat haven. 2. *Composting Law:* Thinking about a January date. Bob Sandberg has already expressed an interest. Marian will talk to Paul Tomasi (head of the Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District) about attending also as another source of information. 3. *Wildlife Film Series:* This has been done before and was a big hit. Maybe something to collaborate with the BCC on. Films could be viewed at the Academy building. 4. *Stone Wall presentation:* Marian will find out this man's name and get in touch with him.

Bottles: Dina stood at the Transfer Station after our last meeting and greeted people as they came in, telling them about our bottle collecting and asking for volunteers to do some of the bottle runs to Bradford. Three people expressed an interest: John Hathaway, Asa Porter, and Dutton Vought. Dina proposed that these new people have a buddy on their first day doing bottles. Brad will contact all 3 and let them know that if they want training he's doing bottles on 10/29. / Brad gave Linda \$40 from his last bottle redemption day. /

REORGANIZATION: Brad proposed reorganizing the bottle operation at the Transfer Station. This would involve buying 6 new metal trash cans of uniform size with lids. Brad will purchase these, as well as heavy-duty bags that will fit in them. Barrels will be small enough that the bags, when full, will still be liftable. / We had been keeping a case of bags at Northern Woodlands. Marian will ask Ginny if there are still some there. / We talked briefly again about hanging a map of the stations at the Transfer Station at the entry to the Transfer Station in hopes that this will help townspeople dispose of their recyclables/trash in the proper places. Will revisit in November.

Bottle duty: 10/1, Linda (already done); 10/8, Glynn; 10/15, one of our new people (Brad to contact); 10/22, Kevin Buchanan; 10/29, Brad; 11/5, another new person.

Next meeting: November 7, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 (Glynn moved, Linda seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: November 7, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler, Dina Dubois, and Kevin Eaton

Absent: Kevin Buchanan

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

Action items:

Glynn will contact Asa Porter about bottle redemption

Brad will contact John Hathaway about bottle redemption

Marian will get back in touch with Kevin Gardner to ask him whether a 2:00 Sunday time works for him

Marian will let Paul Tomasi (NEKSWD) know that we are putting off our public forum on the Universal Recycling Law (Act 48) until early spring

Kevin Eaton will follow up with Courtney Haynes (Voss signs and red paint)

Brad will pick up new trash cans and plastic garbage bags for our bottle-collection site

Brad will pick up NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES sign from Aubuchon

Agenda Changes: 1. Town Forest issues. 2. Thetford and Fairlee conservation commissions sponsoring Rozalia Project event

Approval of October minutes: October minutes were approved unanimously (Linda moved, Brad seconded).

Public Comment: None.

Budget hearing: Glynn lowered the amount we will request from the Town to \$400 when he submitted the CCC report to Susan Fortunati. There was some discussion about the amount. The rationale for the request is that it legitimizes us as an organization supported by the townspeople; in addition, there could be unanticipated expenses associated with changes engendered by the universal recycling law. Glynn asked for someone to attend the Budget Committee meeting on 11/15 to cover for him in case he can't get there at 6:00.

Bottles: New people should be contacted: Glynn will contact Asa Porter and see what date in November or December works for him. Brad will contact John Hathaway. Brad has spoken with Dutton Vought, who said to assign him any Saturday in December.

Brad ordered 6 30-gallon metal cans through Aubuchons, which should be available 11/11. He will get new bags as well, and will purge holey bags. Marian moved to reimburse Brad approximately \$200 for his purchases of bags and trash cans. Linda seconded. Motion passed.

Bottle duty: 11/12, Linda; 11/19, Marian; 11/26, Brad; 12/3, Dutton Vought

AVCC (Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions) Annual Meeting: We did not participate in this.

Town Forest: Kevin Eaton will follow up with Courtney Haynes as to whether the aluminum signs were ordered from the Voss sign company and whether the red paint for marking trees has been paid for. Brad will purchase a new sign from Aubuchons saying NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES to hang on the gate at the Town Forest. He will be reimbursed from the Town Forest grant money.

Susan Fortunati emailed Dina regarding the Town Forest grant. The remaining money (\$3,254.87) is for the fiscal year ending June 20, 2016. This should be a separate line item in our budget. Dina gave Linda (as treasurer) some documents regarding Town Forest grant money to review, then file at the Town Hall. A copy of the Forest

Management plan and extra Town Forest map cards were filed in our cabinet. Marian moved to reimburse Brad from the Town Forest grant money for his purchase of a sign. Kevin Eaton seconded. Motion passed.

Stone Wall Talk: There was much discussion about what time would work best. We settled on Sunday, February 5, at 2:00. Marian will contact Kevin Gardner.

Orchard: Glynn put the picnic table on blocks and tarped it.

Composting Law forum: A decision was made to put this off till April. Marian will contact Paul Tomasi to this effect and will ask him as well whether other towns have come up with a program to present to their towns. Such a program would be helpful in our own presentation to townspeople, which could take place at the Transfer Station.

Next meeting: December 5, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 (Marian moved, Kevin E. seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: December 5, 2016 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Dina Dubois, and Kevin Eaton

Absent: Brad Wheeler

Meeting called to order at 7:21 p.m.

Action items:

Dina will wrap bottle-pickup instructions in plastic and we will post the on the kiosk at the Transfer Station

Marian will talk to John Hathaway. [Perhaps he could take bottle duty for 12/24?]

Marian will contact Kevin Gardner to ask whether 1/29 or 2/12 might work instead of 2/5

Marian will email bottle pickup instructions to John Hathaway, Asa Porter, and Dutton Vought

Agenda Addition: F. X. Shea Forest signs. We decided that “Forest update” should be a regular agenda item.

Approval of November minutes: November minutes were approved unanimously (Dina moved, Linda seconded).

Public Comment: None.

Budget hearing: Marian attended. Susan Fortunati read aloud the letter Glynn had sent and the committee approved our request for \$400.

Bottles: Bottles did not get done the weekend of 12/3-12/4. Linda will call Dutton Vought to remind him.

Bottle duty: 12/10, Asa Porter; 12/17, Glynn; 12/24, Linda and Marian; 12/31, Linda and Marian

The trash cans Brad ordered were not in stock at Aubuchon’s but have been ordered and should arrive by 12/9. It was proposed that we post the instructions for bottle pickup, wrapped in plastic, on the kiosk at the Transfer Station. Copies of instructions will be sent to newbies (John Hathaway, Asa Porter, and Dutton Vought).

Town Forest: Kevin Eaton brought samples of aluminum signs similar to what we’ve considered ordering. Our signs will be 5-5/8 x 5-5/8 inches, with white lettering on dark green background. 300 signs + nails for approx. \$355 + S&H, not to exceed \$375. Marian moved to reimburse Kevin for this expenditure. Dina seconded. Motion passed. / *“No Motorized Vehicles” signs:* Brad hasn’t yet found these, but will check at Dan and Whit’s in Norwich. Kevin Eaton proposed ordering from Voss Signs if Brad doesn’t find them. / *Story Walk:* Dina cited some minuses: the need to protect storybook pages on the platform and volunteers to choose the books and create the pages and program. / *Grant money:* No time limit on spending the remainder. There was some discussion about how the money might be spent. Possibilities: 1. Create bike trails (now that we’re allowing bike traffic in the forest). 2. Laminate tree ID cards for a possible scavenger hunt. Talk to Lynn Murphy at WRVS for interest. / *Town Report:* The F. X. Shea Town Forest report has been sent to Anne McKinsey.

Stone Wall Talk: It was pointed out that the date we had chosen for Kevin Gardner to come is the day of the Super Bowl. Marian will ask Kevin if he could make his presentation on either 1/29 or 5/12 instead. Same time, same place. Will do so ASAM so we can get it into the quarterly newsletter and start publicizing on LRN etc. / As a possible follow-up to this walk, perhaps Bert Cooper would lead a stone wall walk when the weather warms up.

Tracking: We will ask the Roots School folks to lead one of these. Glynn will make contact with Brad and Sarah (sho spoke to us last year). RS will also be running permaculture workshops this summer. Another

possible event? Alcott will be out backup if RS can't do it.

Next meeting: January 2, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 (Linda moved, Dina seconded).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley