

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: January 2, 2017 (approved)

Present: Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Dina Dubois, Brad Wheeler, Becky Buchanan (Greenup Day)

Absent: Glynn Pellagrino, Kevin Eaton

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

Action items:

Dina will ask Amy at WRVS to let parents/students know about the stone wall presentation

Linda will talk to Nancy Ertle about coffee/tea set-up

Marian will contact Kevin Gardner (what does he need, when will he arrive?)

Dina will post on Upper Valley listserv

Dina will talk to Bessie Sandberg about announcing presentation in Journal Opinion

Marian will post on our LRN and will add to Valley News calendar

Dina will find out about local foresters who might lead WRVS kids on a forest walk and will communicate with WRVS principal and interested faculty

Brad will contact John Hathaway to let him know he's signed up for bottle duty on 1/28.

Agenda Additions: None.

Greenup update: Anne McKinsey will include Greenup statistics/report in the Town Report. The Corinth Quarterly newsletter included a notice about our search for a new coordinator, as Becky would like to step down as coordinator. She will put together a timetable of what needs to be done and when and send it to Anne McKinsey to put on the town web site. There is also a Greenup email list of possible volunteers. Becky will pass this info on to the next coordinator.

Approval of December 2016 minutes: Brad moved, Linda seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None.

Stone Wall Talk: Time to start actively publicizing this event. Dina brought copies of the poster she created. Various people took copies to hang in neighboring communities. Marian will add an announcement to the Valley News calendar. Linda will place a boxed ad in the Journal Opinion. Dina will post on Upper Valley listserv, Marian on our LRN. Dina talked to Bert Cooper about doing a follow-up stone wall walk in the spring, but no date set as yet. Dina will talk to Amy at WRVS about letting parents know this is happening. We could also send it out to our email list and to the Town Forest email list. CCC members will be there at 1:15 to start setting up. Linda will talk to Nancy Ertle about coffee/tea set-up and whether we can use some of the coffee in the Town Hall kitchen. / Marian will contact Kevin G. to see what he needs from us and what time he expects to arrive on 1/29. (As an aside, the possibility was again raised of the Conservation Commission buying a projector for the town. We could use it to show some of the films the BCC shows.)

Tracking: Glynn was going to talk to the Roots School. Marian will ask if he's done so yet.

Town Forest: Kevin Eaton reported by email that the aluminum signs for the forest border have arrived. He proposed having a snowshoe/sign-hanging event later in the winter. We should ascertain the optimal height for the signs. People would need hammers and nails, and nails need to be in only part way to allow for tree growth. Dina will contact Kevin to get details of what he had in mind – why on snowshoes, etc. / Possible scavenger hunt was scrapped in favor of Kevin B's idea of a forester-guided walk in the woods. Dina will talk to principal at

WRVS and to faculty members who may have forestry- or woods-related curriculum. [Dina ended up talking to Marcus Bradley of Red Start Forestry after this meeting and he recommended Tyler, who lives here in Corinth and works at Red Start.] / Brad plans to order “No Motorized Vehicles” signs.

Bottles: Glynn picked up three 30-gallon trash cans and placed them at the Transfer Station. At some point, we will get three more. / Brad will contact John Hathaway.

Bottle duty: 1/7, Brad; 1/14, Kevin B.; 1/21, Dutton Vought; 1/28, John Hathaway; 2/4, Glynn.

Next meeting: February 6, 2017

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: February 6, 2017 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Brad Wheeler, Kevin Eaton (arrived at 8:25)

Absent: Dina Dubois

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

Action items:

Glynn will get details (place, fee) about the tracking walk from Brad and Sarah at the Roots School

Marian will talk to Ginny/Anne about Clement Loop Copper Mine spur and maps

Glynn will pick up more garbage cans.

Glynn will contact Asa Porter about bottle duty

Agenda Additions: Town Forest event.

Greenup update: Anne McKinsey will include Greenup statistics/report in the Town Report. The Corinth Quarterly newsletter included a notice about our search for a new coordinator, as Becky would like to step down as coordinator. She will put together a timetable of what needs to be done and when and send it to Anne McKinsey to put on the town web site. There is also a Greenup email list of possible volunteers. Becky will pass this info on to the next coordinator.

Approval of January 2017 minutes: Linda moved, Brad seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment: None.

Tracking walk: The date has been set for March 4. Glynn will find out the details about where it will be held and how much we will pay them. They would do two sessions, as Alcott did. As soon as we know these details, Glynn or Marian will post to the LRN – whoever posts will be the contact person.

Stone Wall Talk follow-up: The event was well attended – approximately 50 people. Got good feedback from audience members.

Town Forest: We will wait till snow melt (April?) to hang aluminum border signs. We may combine this activity with trail maintenance. Signs will be kept with other Town Forest equipment downstairs in the Town Hall. If any of us go out to the Town Forest walking, we can take a few and hang them – approximately every 40 or 50 feet.

Town Forest place-based learning event: Dina is coordinating this with Tyler (Red Start) and Lynn Murphy. No date has been set yet, but this should happen as soon as possible.

Trail Maintenance: Clement Loop: The Copper Mine spur hasn't been opened to the public yet because there are still trees to cut. Are there any maps for the Clement Loop trail? If so, where are they. Ginny and Anne will know the answers to these questions. No date set yet for maintenance, but this will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Universal Recycling Law forum: After some discussion it was decided to put this off till next year. The changes put into place for 2017 don't affect Corinthians that much, and the forum will be more meaningful when people's lives are being affected by it more. We will try to pass out some pertinent information about the law on Green-up Day, along with Green-up bags.

Bottles: Glynn submitted an invoice for \$94.12 for 3 metal garbage cans. Marian moved to reimburse him in this amount. Brad seconded. Motion passed. Glynn will pick up more metal garbage cans soon. / Brad was unable to get hold of John Hathaway. We will not put him on the bottle duty schedule.

Bottle duty: 2/11, Brad; 2/18, Marian; 2/25, Kevin B.; 3/4, Asa Porter (Glynn will contact); 3/11, Dutton Vought

Next meeting: March 6, 2017

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: March 6, 2017 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Kevin Eaton, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Brad Wheeler, Ginny Barlow (guest)

Absent: Dina Dubois

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Action items:

Marian will contact Luise Graf about pruning prior to 5/21

Marian will speak to Carl Demrow about bringing his chainsaw on 5/21

Agenda Additions: None.

Public comment: Ginny spoke briefly about the Caring for Your Canopy grant application, which is due 4/14/2017. We would need to define a project as part of the application. Kevin Buchanan proposed doing something with the American Chestnut, and there was some discussion about possible locations for planting. Ginny volunteered to work on the application and Marian volunteered to help her. After more discussion, and Glynn pointing out that the town had declined to offer us any money at all this year, we thought that maybe we could manage a project like chestnut planting without grant money.

Orchard: Ginny's presence gave us the opportunity to also talk about what needs to be done in the orchard. We set a spring maintenance date of 5/20, at 9:00 a.m., with a rain date of 5/21. We need to weed, mulch, and compost, as we did last year. Before that maintenance date, we will need to do some pruning. Marian will contact Luise Graf to see if she will prune again. Marian and Ginny will go with her.

Trail maintenance: *Clement Loop Trail:* Work date, 5/27 at 9:00. Chain saws will be needed for the trees that need to be removed along the slope on the new spur. Marian will ask Carl Demrow if he could plan on being there that day. Otherwise, the usual: shovels, weed whackers, clippers, pruners, etc. We discussed printing out new copies of the trail map and brochure to put in the box at the trail head. Ginny will check to see who has the master. / ***Corinth Town Forest:*** On Sunday, 3/19, at 2:00, we will gather to hang boundary signs. Some people could be assessing the trails at the same time for possible maintenance required. / Bikes on Town Forest trails: Per Kevin E., thus far, there is not enough traffic of this kind to warrant special treatment. We will revisit this discussion if it becomes an issue. Camping is not ruled out, but there is no emphasis on this in the Town Forest plan. *Kevin Eaton moved to reimburse Redstart Forestry \$60.00 for boundary marking paint ordered by Courtney through them, Glynn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of February 2017 minutes: *Linda moved, Kevin E. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Town Meeting: Town did not allocate any money to the CCC. Glynn still still make the pitch about the matching grants and town support, the fact that we do bottles and that in June last year, we became responsible for caring for the Town Forest. He will also mention Green-up map sign-up. We have \$6346 in our budget and there is \$3342.64 of Open Space grant money in the FX Shea Town Forest budget.

Tracking walk follow-up: Good feelings all around. Brad Salon did a great job and we would love to have him do it again some time. *Marian moved to pay Brad Salon \$350 for the two workshop sessions on 3/4, Glynn seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Universal Recycling Law forum: As things seem to be picking up faster than anticipated, we think maybe we will try to hold this in the fall. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Bottles: Glynn submitted an invoice for 2 more metal garbage cans. We now have a total of 5 new trash cans. *Marian moved to reimburse Glynn \$59.98, Brad seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Bottle duty: 311, Dutton; 3/18, Brad; 3/25, Kevin B.; 4/1, Glynn; 4/8, Linda and Marian

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30. *Marian moved to adjourn, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Next meeting: April 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: April 3, 2017

Present: Dina DuBois, Glynn Pellegrino, Brad Wheeler, Linda Tobin

Absent: Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan

Action Items:

Dina: follow up with Lynn Murphy about WRVS 7th/1st Tree ID event

Dina: follow up with Ginny Barlow about Clement trail map and flyer original; whether spur trail has been marked. LRN posting for Sign posting in town forest

Linda: trash grabbers from Town Hall. Gary Bicknell and plastic bins for composting

Glynn: Ginny mulch for orchard, LRN posting for Orchard clean up day.

Brad: invite vendors re composting equipment. Chainsaw to Clement trail clearing, Dutton-bottles Apr. 29?

Agenda change. None

Minutes March 6, 2017. Glynn moved to accept minutes with deletion of Brad Wheeler being present. Linda seconded. All in favor

Green up Day April 29. Becky still handling that this year. Needs volunteers to replace her. Perhaps she could solicit from volunteers two people to divide the position. At a transfer station day when green bags are given out, the trash grabbers can be loaned to those who commit to their road over several years. Store grabbers in basement of Town Hall. And solicit for co-ordinator that day.

Forest Report.

Dina has not heard back from Lynn Murphy about WRVS tree ID event with 7th and 1st graders. Will follow up with Lynn Murphy to discuss having roped off squares for pairs to work on tree ID in those locations along the red trail. Then have a gathering to discuss why those trees might be there having Redstart forester help with that.

Hanging aluminum boundary signs on May 13 9-11. Dina will post on LRN inviting families come to help and bring along hammers.

Trail clearing day: Clement loop May 27.

Orchard clean up day. May 20 with 21 being the rain date. Include invitation to come and work and picnic at the new picnic table. Bring snacks /drinks. Glynn will post on LRN.

Recycling Law and Compost education. To educate and interest people about the upcoming change in food scraps rules we will have an information meeting at Town Hall with follow up at the transfer station. To make it compelling we will have composting bins of different types at Town Hall and then at the transfer station so people know they must deal with food scraps and that composting is one way. Also Linda will pursue finding out about availability of plastic bins. Those could be made easy to get at the transfer station and to demonstrate there the use to then bring to the Sandberg compost can which is now only used infrequently at the transfer station. Brad said he'd explore with vendors different kinds of bins to bring for demonstration. And thought maybe there could be a raffle for one...to bring people to the information meeting. Perhaps in September.

Bottle pick up schedule: April 8 Linda, April 15 Marian, April 22, Brad, April 29. Brad will ask Dutton.

Solar panels on Town Hall. Glynn introduced the idea of mounting 4-6 solar panels on the roof of town hall and having an inverter to supply power to the grid for the Town Hall. Discussion of strength of roof to hold them needing an engineering assessment. Aesthetics of panels in historic district. Probably wouldn't show. WEC cap on solar needs to be explored. Snow build up but would melt in several days and still supply power.

Next meeting May 1 7:00PM Town Hall, Corinth, VT.

Glynn moved to adjourn at 8:45Pm. Linda seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Dina DuBois

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: May 8, 2017 (approved)

Present: Members Glynn Pellagrino, Kevin Eaton, Dina Dubois, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Brad Wheeler; nonmembers Ginny Barlow, Deb Silverwolf, and Melissa Eaton (Kevin's youngest)

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

Action items:

Marian will post on LRN re the orchard maintenance day 5/20 at 9:00

Ginny will order compost from Bob Sandberg and bark mulch from JM Landscaping

Ginny will speak to Bruce Brough about MS students helping with trail maintenance

Dina will make a key for the mall and pick up a magnetic key box

Dina will post on the LRN looking for mall volunteers

Glynn will speak to Margaret Loftus – is she interested in selling early greens at the mall?

Glynn and Brad will contact Dutton Vought and Asa Porter about bottle duty assignments

Marian will be in touch with Paul Tomasi about Universal Recycling Law forum

Brad will speak to Richard Devins about Green-Up day tire disposal

Linda/Toby will continue to investigate our accounts to see where we're off

Dina will solicit volunteers for Green-Up Committee at the Transfer Station

Approval of April 2017 minutes: *Linda moved, Brad seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Agenda Additions: None.

Public comment: Deb Silverwolf introduced herself as a possible future Corinthian. She is looking at the Infante property on Chelsea Road with a view to agroforestry as a community venture. She is currently in Barre. / Kevin E. introduced Melissa, who is curious about the CCC. Kevin wondered if she could serve as a proxy member for his occasional absences, or perhaps as a regular member, since we can have up to 9 CCCers.

Orchard: Pruning has been done by Louise Graf. Ginny will order compost from Bob Sandberg and mulch from JM Landscaping for the orchard maintenance day on May 20 at 9:00. Marian will make posts on the LRN.

Mall: Chris Groschner told Glynn that we can use the P.O. building for the time being. We will go ahead and open up on May 20. Ginny and Amy will do more clean-up in the meantime. Some concerns were raised about where to keep the key.

Trail maintenance: Ginny raised the possibility of Bruce Brough (science teacher at the Mountain School) bringing some MS students to help with trail maintenance. She will talk to him. ***Clement Loop Trail:*** Work date, 5/27 at 9:00. Chain saws will be needed for the trees that need to be removed along the slope on the new spur. Marian will ask Carl Demrow if he could plan on being there that day. Otherwise, the usual: shovels, weed whackers, clippers, pruners, etc. Meet at the trail head. / ***Corinth Town Forest:*** This Saturday at 9:00 a.m., we will gather to hang boundary signs. The goal is to hang them only on trees that are actually IN the forest. Kevin Eaton is not able to be there for the whole time but will show up at the beginning to instruct people about how to hang the signs. Meeting place is the Town Hall to carpool to the forest. Some people could be assessing the trails at the same time for possible maintenance required.

Town Forest: The tree ID day Dina has been trying to plan with Lynn Murphy (WRVS science teacher) will probably not happen this year.

Bottles: Brad received \$20.20 for bottles redeemed in Barre. He wrote a check to the CCC and gave it to Linda.

Bottle duty: 5/13, Ginny and Marian; 5/20, Kevin Buchanan; 5/27, Asa Porter; 6/3, Dutton Vought

Green-Up: Becky was on the agenda but too sick to come to the meeting. She will plan on giving her report in June. There is as yet no replacement for her as GU coordinator, but we discussed trying to form a GU committee for this purpose. Dina will spend a Saturday morning at the Transfer Station trying to solicit volunteers, as she did for bottles. Tire Disposal: Richard Devins dropped off a truckload of tires the day before Green-Up Day, and we discussed who should speak to him about Green-Up protocol. Brad volunteered to speak to him. He and Becky will communicate about it. Glynn spoke to Steve Long about keeping the Transfer Station gate closed during the week preceding Green-Up.

Universal Recycling Law forum: We spoke about a possible “Education Day” at the Transfer Station, with CCC members taking turns “helping” people with their recycling – talking as needed about what’s ok and what’s not. We will focus more on this issue at our June meeting.

Large-scale solar project: On back burner for now.

Treasurer’s Report: All receipts/bills were submitted to Susan Fortunati. Things still don’t reconcile, though. We’re off by nearly \$3000. This could be explained by the Town Forest grant moneys being in a separate account. Linda/Toby will look into it, and we will have a more detailed report in June.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30. *Brad moved to adjourn, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Next meeting: June 5, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: June 5, 2017 (unapproved)

Present: Members Glynn Pellagrino, Dina Dubois, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan;
Nonmembers: Rebecca Buchanan

Absent: Kevin Eaton, Brad Wheeler.

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

Action items:

Dina will go to the next Selectboard meeting (6/12) to begin discussion re Green-up Day trash disposal costs.

Dina will speak to loggers about possibly leaving a buffer along the Town Forest access road when/if they log their parcel

Dina will post on the LRN looking for mall volunteers

Dina will solicit volunteers for Green-Up Committee at the Transfer Station

Glynn will send note to Selectboard re Green-up Day disposal costs

Approval of May 2017 minutes: *Glynn moved, Linda seconded.*

Agenda Additions: None.

Green-up Day: Brad sent an email to Richard Devins regarding the truckload of tires dropped off a couple days prior to Green-up. Richard responded that all attires were picked up along the road. A suggestion was made that perhaps there should be a limit on the number of tires per person/group we will accept free of charge. / Susan Fortunati submitted an invoice to us from Casella and NEKWMD, as we had agreed to shoulder the costs of Green-up for 2017. Becky shared some recent history re Green-up and how it has been paid f or. The question was raised whether the CCC should be responsible for these costs, as it is a town event and serves the town.

Glynn moved that we should talk to the Selectboard and say that the CCC is not willing to pay Green-up Day disposal costs after this year. We will provide volunteers and leadership, but not the funds. Linda seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. Glynn will also point out to the Selectboard that the gate to the Transfer Station should be kept closed in the weeks prior to Green-up. / Universal Recycling Law: This is another subject that should be raised with the Town as an issue. The composting piece may end up being an issue, as not everyone has a composting facility. The Town may need to promote this by providing a more official composting site at the Transfer Station. / Becky (Buchanan) noted that in Thetford, the cost is picked up under the general fund, and Glynn pointed out that the Highway Fund is another possibility. / Becky will streamline the job description for a Green-up Day coordinator and will have Anne McKinsey post it on the Town web site. Dina will take the description to the Transfer Station and approach people to ask them if they'd be willing to take over as coordinator. We reserve the option to form a Green-up Day Committee.

Town Forest: Dina emailed Lynn Murphy at WRVS to say that a tree identification day is unlikely to happen until the fall term. If there is enthusiasm for doing one, Dina will pursue it in the fall. / Kevin Eaton has a receipt for the aluminum boundary signs on his computer, which is currently being repaired. He will submit it to Linda asap. Most of the forest has now been marked with boundary signs. The parts that remain to be marked could be easily done in a couple hours. At our July meeting, we will ask Kevin E. if he wants to participate in the last stretches, and one of us will help him. / Dina will try to talk to the loggers who have bought land along the Town Forest access road to ask politely that if they are planning on logging their land they leave a buffer along the road.

Mall: Dina solicited volunteers, and many spots have been filled. She will continue to monitor this. Someone

(we think Amy Peberdy) made beautiful laminated signs to let people know what is and what is not acceptable as donations. Dina will thank Amy (if it was Amy) and ask how much we owe her for materials/labor. The blue jug (with money donations) needs to be checked as well and emptied if there is much in it. / Dina had a key made for the mall door.

Bottles: Linda submitted \$92 on 4/10 and \$113 to Susan on 4/28. Brad collected \$20.20 for bottles redeemed in Barre. He wrote a check to the CCC and gave it to Linda.

Bottle duty: 6/10, Brad; 6/17, Glynn; 6/24, Linda and Marian; 7/1, Marian + Ginny or Linda?

Treasurer's Report: Linda brought a list of receipts she needs by the end of the fiscal year for her report to Susan F. Glynn will send her the ones she has, and Kevin Eaton will send her the one for boundary signs and the one for red paint purchased by Redstart Forestry, which will be paid out of the Town Forest grant funds.

Clement Loop Trail Maintenance follow-up: Kevin Buchanan, Glynn, and Ginny walked up the spur trail and added blazes. They had earlier assessed the condition of the rest of the trail, which was in good shape.

Orchard Maintenance Day follow-up: We had 10-12 volunteers come and help weed, compost, and mulch. (Kudos to them!) Bob Sandberg donated a load of compost and Ginny donated a load of bark mulch from JM Landscaping. Lindle Sutton took photos and promised to send them to a CCC member. Hal Drury mowed the orchard last week.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40. *Glynn moved, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Next meeting: July 3, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes: July 3, 2017 (unapproved)

Present: Members Glynn Pellagrino, Dina Dubois, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan; Kevin Eaton; Brad Wheeler.

Absent: Linda Tobin.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Action items:

Brad will hang laminated sign on Town Forest gate with hunting season dates

Glynn will email/phone Shannon Choquette at NEKWMD about composting materials and to invite her to our 9/11 meeting

Marian will contact Casella about providing info about what is/isn't recyclable

Dina will contact WRVS to find out what they do educationally regarding recycling and composting

Agenda Additions: Added "Approval of June minutes".

Approval of June 2017 minutes: *Dina moved to approve the minutes with Brad's recommended changes (1. He spoke to Richard Devins by phone, not email; and 2. he helped with CL maintenance and blazing). Glynn seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*

Green-up Day: More discussion about tires and Brad's conversation with Mr. Devins. It was noted that the gate has been consistently closed recently. / Anne McKinsey posted a revised (shorter) description of the Green-Up Day coordinator position on the town web site. No response yet from community members. / Dina went to the Selectboard meeting on June 12 to talk to them about paying for Green-Up Day trash disposal. Susan Fortunati let her know that we would need to make the request at the Budget Committee meeting in September. We will pick up the costs this year, but will make a request for next year. Susan also told Dina that all our bills have been paid for this year. / Some discussion followed about the discrepancy between this year's Green-Up report and the 2016 report with regard to the number of volunteers (fewer in 2017 than 2016) and the trash tonnage.

Town Forest: Brad, Marian, and Ryan Jacobs hung more boundary signs on the northeast and north parts of the boundary. There's still an un-signed gap at the western edge of the north border and a stretch along the southeast border that needs to be done. There was some discussion about the "tail" on the eastern boundary – the part probably least used by the public. Signs have not been hung there yet either, but we will do that last. If we run short on signs, that would be the best place to skimp. We can always use blazes there. / We need to hang the laminated signs on the entrance gate with hunting season dates. Brad says he can do that. / We had talked in June about asking the abutting landowners what their forest management plan is, since they bought the land for logging purposes. We had hoped to ask them if they might leave a buffer along the access road, but as it turns out, the "tail" of the forest serves as a buffer anyway. The logging operation is in full swing. / We may revisit the tree identification project a couple years from now, since we plan on focusing on the Universal Recycling law next year. There was some discussion about an art project combined with the tree ID. Perhaps one trail could be a tree ID trail, with trees labeled, as was done on the Clement Loop Trail, OR there could be a card in the kiosk with a list of species and it could be like a scavenger hunt.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tobin was absent. However, Kevin Eaton has agreed to serve as treasurer for the coming year and Linda will be sending him all the information she has. We will have a Treasurer's Report at our August meeting.

Universal Recycling Law: On Wednesday, June 28, Vermont Edition hosted a program on the law, and on June 22, Shannon Choquette, from NEKWMD, visited our Transfer Station to educate people about what can and can't be recycled, for example, 5 x 7" magnets with list of recyclables. She had plenty of free materials on display and says she can get more if we need them. She also sent, by email, a poster of items that CANNOT be recycled. Glynn will be in touch with her to find out where we can pick up some of these free materials to pass out to people and to see if she might come to our September 11 meeting to discuss outreach. / A proposal was made that we do community outreach AT the Transfer Station, and possibly also hold a forum on the law at the Town Hall. Because composting and yard waste are a controversial component of the law, we discussed doing a short verbal survey, with two questions: 1. Do you compost? and 2. How do you dispose of yard waste? We may add one more question ("Would you be interested in an educational workshop?"), but our goal is to keep it short. We'll team up – 2 to 3 of us at a time, with one person asking the questions and another recording the answers. The survey will help us assess how much outreach we need to do. September is our target month for these activities. Our focus should be less on the law and more on sharing information and photos or physical demonstrations of some of the composting options on the market. Glynn spoke with Shannon at the Transfer Station and said she was very persuasive in her dealings with townspeople. / We revisited the idea of posting a map of the Transfer Station at the gate – or having a large sign on each container (or both). / There will be more discussion about all this at our August meeting.

Bottles: Marian picked up an envelope with \$146.05 on June 24 when she did the bottles and gave it to Linda. Glynn will contact Asa Porter to see if he can do bottles on July 29.

Bottle duty: 7/8, Brad; 7/15, Kevin Eaton; 7/22, Glynn; 7/29, Asa Porter

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00. *Glynn moved, Marian seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Next meeting: August 7, 2017.

September meeting: We realized this will conflict with Labor Day and postponed it till 9/11.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes: August 7, 2017 (unapproved)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Brad Wheeler.

Absent: Dina Dubois.

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

Action items:

- Brad will create a sandwich-board frame and Linda will attach sample recyclable items/pictures**
- Marian and Glynn will read more about the law**
- Marian will create a map of the Transfer Station**
- Marian will send copy of mandatory recyclables info to rest of CCC**
- Glynn will email Asa Porter to see if he can do bottles for this week**
- Linda and Kevin Eaton will get together to discuss treasurer job**

Agenda Changes: None.

Approval of July 2017 minutes: *Glynn moved to approve the minutes. Kevin Eaton seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*

Town Forest: Brad asked if the hunting signs for the gate could be simplified. – Kevin E. suggested we post the regulations page from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department at the kiosk. There was some discussion about whether hunting can be banned on a public property – who makes the rules and how are they enforced. / We plan to place a picnic table on the Red Trail spur. / Joe Blodgett asked Glynn about cutting a basswood and a maple tree growing along the access road because they are in the way of the town trucks. The loggers working on the abutting property could cut them and take the wood as compensation. / All forest borders have boundary signs now except for the “tail”. / Des Desmond (abutting property owner on the west side of the road) spoke to Dina about putting a decent-looking “No parking” sign on his gate. We will discuss this further in September.

Universal Recycling/Composting Law (Act 148): Glynn contacted Shannon Choquette at NEKWMD. She will come to our September 11 meeting and bring handouts about recycling/composting. We hope to get ideas from her about outreach. On 9/16, we will conduct our 3-question survey at the Transfer Station. Information and magnets/food-scrap buckets will be available. We will work in two shifts of 3 and 4 people. The questions: 1) Do you compost? 2) Do you recycle? 3) Do you know about the universal recycling/composting law? Answers will be recorded to get an overview of how much outreach we need to do. 7:00-10:00: Brad, Marian, Kevin Eaton. 10:00-1:00: Linda, Glynn, Kevin Buchanan, Dina. We will ask Bob Sandberg if he can be there for part of the day to talk to people about composting. We will create a map of the facility and labels for recycling bins and different stations, as well as a sandwich board with recyclable items attached to it so people have a visual reference. We need to read the law to find out what will be phased in when.

Bottle duty: 8/5, Asa; 8/12, Dutton; 8/19, Marian; 8/26, Brad; 9/2, Linda; 9/9, Kevin Eaton

Invasive Species: “yellow rattle” discussion tabled till next meeting Dina is at, as she knows more about it.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50. *Glynn moved, Marian seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Next meeting: September 11, 2017 (changed because of Labor Day).

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes Sept. 11, 2017

Present: Members: Glynn Pellagrino, Dina DuBois, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Brad Wheeler, Linda Tobin Guest: Shannon Choquette NEKWMD

Meeting called to order: 7:04p.m. No change in agenda just order of items. Guest first.

Action items:

Dina – check with Nancy about insert of flyer, talk to WRVS principal about student led composting demonstration with parents, get copies made at CopyWorld. Talk to Mr. Desmond about no parking sign.

Brad- hang hunting season sign on forest gate.

Survey: at transfer station Sept. 16 -8-10 Kevin, Marian, Brad and At 11-1 Kevin B and Glynn Sept. 23 – Dina , Marian 7:30-9:30.Sept.30- Linda 10-noon

- I. GUEST.Shannon Choquette of the North East Kingdom Waste Management District came at the CCC invitation to help prepare Corinth for enacting law 148 the Universal and Recycling and Composting Law that bans most food scraps from the landfill by 2020. Citizens need to know what is available to them. What is on our website is not all encompassing. Shannon pointed out that some people do not like this law and the cost of acquiring materials in order to compost. Meats and bones will be okay to have in garbage. Will be hard to enforce. There are grants through Vermont Housing and Conservation Board that might be explored. To prevent bears being attracted to compost one need dry materials and turning enough to stay hot. Shannon will modify the flyer that outlines the way to compost and recycle. That flyer will be inserted into the Corinth Newsletter if the Town clerk agrees. Additionally another flyer, RECYCLE RIGHT, that lists what NOT to recycle and why not will be handed to people at the transfer station. Dina reported that she has already spoken to the school and that WRVS is already composting and recycling. The possibility of students demonstrating to parents how to compost and recycle was brought up. Dina will discuss with the principal. Dina moved and Glynn seconded *“to send the NEKWMD Recycling and Composting Guide in the town newsletter and to hand out the RECYCLE RIGHT flyer at the transfer station and that the cost of those to be absorbed by the CCC.”* All in favor. Linda offered to fold the insert. Shannon will come in the spring-April- to make a public presentation. CCC members will survey people at transfer station. 1. Did you know, as of 2020, most food scraps will be banned from landfills for all Vermonters? 2. Do you recycle? Do you compost?
- II. II. Forest reports. Brad made a sign about hunting season dates and will hang it on the gate. Discussion of Dez Desmond’s concern about parking in front of his gate by forest visitors. He would like the commission to provide a nice looking sign to go there. The members thought it best for MR. Desmond to provide the sign for his gate . Dina will talk to him about that. Dina showed a sample scavenger hunt model for the CCC to use for trail walks in conserved lands. Linda and Dina asked to further this discussion another time.
- III. Conservation Summit. Dina moved to pay Glynn to pay \$40 for the fee to go to the Conservation Summit. Marian seconded. All in favor.
- IV. The Mall Dina reported that the mall will close at the end of October extending the season beyond the September time. Ginny is coordinating those who host for October.
- V. Bottle duty. Schedules were made: Sept. 16 Glynn, Sept. 23 Kevin B., Sept.30 Brad, Oct. 7- Dutton.
- VI. Next Meeting Monday October 2, 7:00P.M. Corinth Town Hall
- VII. Marian moved to adjourn at 9:05. Linda seconded. All in favor.

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes Oct. 2, 2017

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Dina DuBois, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Kevin Buchanan,
Kevin Eaton Absent: Brad Wheeler Guest: Bob Sandberg Meeting called to order 7:07P.M.

Action items:Dina: bills to Susan Fortunati, Contact Green Up day volunteers. Email Asa Porter re bottles. email Dina Green up names

I.Minutes. Glynn moved to accept the minutes for Sept. 11, 2017. Kevin B. seconded.All in favor.

II. Public Comment.Bob Sandberg, who has a composting business in Corinth, at the invitation of Dina came to discuss ways forward to comply with the food scrap ban at landfills in Vermont as of 2020. Now Bob is notified when a tote is filled by Joan of Casella. Now he does that pick for free. As the citizens bring more food scraps to the transfer station will Bob be paid to take them? Will people be charged for leaving compostables in the totes/ Would the town, Casella be paying Bob? What is the future for composting? Would his son and daughter take over? IE. Will the town create compost? The town will have to figure out how to manage the food scraps. If the transfer station is moved to the proposed site there is room for composting. But How would that be managed?

III.Recycling law law up date and outreach. Marian moved and Linda seconded a motion to repay Dina \$427for charging the copies (at CopyWorld) on the Recycling and Composting flyer for inclusion in the town newsletter (800) and the RECYCLE RIGHT (250) flyer to hand out at the transfer station and at future outreach programs. Conservation members have conducted a survey at the transfer station over the past three Saturdays to get an initial idea of people's practices and knowledge. 264 were questioned. Do you recycle? 245 yes/19 No. Do you compost? 166 yes/ 90 No. Do you know about the 2020 law banning food scraps from Vermont landfills? 169 yes/ 76 no. People were also asked if they knew food scraps could be left at the transfer station and if they knew where the totes were. Many did not know they could leave scraps there or where the totes are. Dina showed pictures of the signs she had posted to bring attention to the totes. At Bob's suggestion she had placed a sign on the totes to only use when other tote is filled. Discussion focused on where to place the totes. And how to create signage that was useful. Paying for a large plastic sandwich board or weather proof large sign be made to hang on the plywood part of the blue trailer were thought about. To avoid use of plastic, and the cost it was decided to keep the cardboard hand made signs for now with a bright color added. Members reported that the RECYCLE RIGHT flyers were handed out at the transfer station and were well received. People to people information works well. Continued outreach will be discussed: demonstration of composting at transfer station and a Town Hall public information program in the spring.

IV. Town Forest report. Dina talked with Kathy Desmond about them putting a no parking sign on their gate to discourage forest visitors from parking there. She mentioned that additional signage had been put up in the parking area. Signs she had posted on her gate were taken down or fell off. She will pursue getting a better sign for their gate. Kevin brought up spending around \$130 for a cedar picnic table for the head of the red trail. To be pursued in the spring. **Programs for the winter/** Perhaps a snowshoe event in the town forest in mid-February with a fire. Hunting season has started. Will wait until spring to finish the entering forest signs along the boundary.

V. Treasurer report. Kevin is learning the ropes from Linda and gave Dina the bills to give to Susan.

VI. AVCC summit report Glynn reported on the Conservation summit. He mentioned in particular the Getting Youth Involved program. In Shelburne they have a youth on the board. Some towns have non-voting members. He did hear about some forest grant possibilities. **Invasive species talks.** This was something Glynn went to at the summit. Ask Susie Strainchamps to come to talk about Yellow Rattle invasive plant? Does out conservation commission have a mission statement? Something to pursue. Some groups have larger tasks and activities.

VII.Town Plan input. Conservation Commission input concerning percent of conserved land. Continue that discussion.

VIII. Green Up volunteers. Dina will pursue those interested and try to get others who then would meet with Becky Buchanan for training.

VIII. Bottle Duty. 10. 7- Dutton, 10/14 Glynn, 10/21 Kevin 10/28 Marian, 11/4 Linda. Glynn will email ASA Porter.

Next Meeting: Nov. 6, 2017 Corinth Town Hall. 7:00P.M. Marian moved to adjourn, Glynn seconded. All in favor 8:45. Submitted by Dina DuBois

Corinth Conservation Commission

Minutes Nov. 6, 2017 UNAPPROVED

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Dina DuBois. Absent: Brad Wheeler: David Corrow, Becky Buchanan.

Action Items: Dina: green up volunteer names to Becky, Talk to WRVS Principal about when have student led composting education to parents, Marian- call Dutton re bottles, ask Shannon about recycling /composting films. Linda- call Brad re bottles. Linda/Dina transfer station Nov. 18 11-12 recycling/green up job hand out.

Meeting called to order 7:10PM

I. Agenda change: Add treasurer's report before budget item. Add Two River

Ottawaquechee Regional Commission needs members to attend meeting

II. Minutes. Minutes for Oct. 2, 2017. Dina moved to accept, Linda seconded to approve with typos corrected and Glynn's name added in Action item. All in favor.

III. Composting Law/Recycling. Discussion of plans for educating the public. 1. Continue to hand out the ReCycle Right hand out at transfer station. Dina and Linda will do Nov. 11 from 11-12. And reach out for Green up Volunteers. 2. Ask Joanne about posters on the bins. 2. Ask Bob Sandberg to inquire about how compostables might be picked up by trash haulers for people who don't go to the transfer station. Dina mention Pauls' Trash in Barre who has three trailers (garbage, recyclables and food scraps). 3. Dina described a program in Austin Texas where people get a discount on composting devices if they attend a educational program. 4. Perhaps we could raffle off a composting device for those attending an informational program or a composting workshop. 5. Explore grants for buying the various materials for educating/demonstrating at a town hall meeting and several times at the transfer station. 6. Marian will bring plastic tubs she has saved from the Co-op to give out at the informational meeting. 7. Timing of informational meeting and composting workshop: February for info meeting/March for composting workshop so it can be out of doors. Show a film at info meeting. 8. Dina will talk again to WRVS Principal about students doing an education program on composting for the parents. 9. Send out recycling flyer with the "why not" part in the next newsletter.

IV. Green Up. The job description is on the website but no response. Dina will email Becky the names of possible volunteers and Linda and Dina will hand out job description at the transfer station to find volunteers. Becky will send Dina the Green Up Day poster for the school to participate in.

V. Treasurer's report. Kevin reported the Mall donations and bottle redemption money (\$593) with the total of \$10,10,661.61. That includes money transferred from the Forest Committee. Kevin will go to the budget meeting Nov. 14 to have the town include money for Green Up day trash rather than the CCC paying for that. And ask for \$200 to be put in the budget for the CCC so that there will be town matching money when grants are applied for. Glynn moved to ask for that \$200, Marian seconded. All in favor.

VI. Bottle duty. Nov. 11-Kevin B, Nov.18-Glynn P., Nov.25- Dutton, Dec.2 Brad.

Rest of agenda tabled til next meeting. Next Meeting Dec.4, 7PM CorinthTown Hall

Glynn moved to adjourn, Kevin E. seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Dina DuBois

Corinth Conservation Commission

Dec. 4, 2017 UNAPPROVED

Present: Brad Wheeler, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Kevin Buchanan, Glynn Pellagrino, Dina DuBois, Kevin Eaton Guests: Melissa Eaton, Ken Arkind Meeting called to order at 7:04PM

- I. Agenda change. Add arborist under Forest Report
 - II. Minutes Nov. 6, 2017. Add "Guests" Ken Arkind, Becky Buchanan. Correct \$10,101,661.61 to \$10,161.61 .Glynn moved, Marian seconded.
 - III. ACTION ITEMS: Ken contact **Becky** about Dec. 14 newsletter re GreenUp day.
 - IV. Marian-contact Shannon to get the "Why Not" flyer Contact David Wilcox. **Brad;** Roots school re tracking walk, **Kevin and Brad** hang signs in forest. **Dina**-contact Vershire re snow shoe-athon date. **Linda**- gift cards **Becky-** contact Anne McKinsey re Green Up report
 - V. Green Up Day. Ken Arkind a long time summer resident of Corinth having moved full time to Corinth has volunteered to coordinate Green Up day with the help of the CCC. Melissa Eaton, a senior at Rivendell High School, will be a 40 hour intern at the CCC helping with Green Up Day as her senior project. She would like to make a presentation at WRV School about Green Up Day. Anne McKinsey needs the write up for the Town Report. Becky will send that to her. The Big map now has plastic covering so the map can be reused. Someone will coordinate moving the map from the Town Hall on Town Meeting Day, to the Library, and to the east Corinth Church for people to choose roads to green up. Dina will supply an easel for the Town Hall. Green plastic bags will be at the library and Church as well as the Town Hall. There is a Dec. 14th deadline for the newsletter if want Green up in the Dec. Jan. Feb. newsletter.
 - VI. Budget Meeting Follow up. The town budget committee accepted Kevin's request for the town to give the CCC \$200 as that is useful for matching grants. The cost of tire and trash disposal for Green Up day is now back with the town's budget. They have allocated \$400 for trash and tire disposal. Locking the transfer station gate may help inhibit unpaid for tire drop off. \$2.00 is charge for tire drop off. Ken suggested having a \$2 discount day to encourage proper drop off. Glynn will be Ken's point person on the CCC as he takes on Green Up day coordination.
 - VII. Town Report. Glynn read his article. He will add the information about the Forest committee being transferred to the CCC and add the stone wall demonstration as part of the 2017 activities.
 - VIII. Forest Report Kevin and Brad will finish putting up signs and fix the broken #2 trail sign and fix the parking sign that is soggy. Arborist. The maple trees by the Corinth Center cemetery need pruning. Marian will contact David Wilcox who works for the state forest and parks. Planning for branch disposal was discussed.
 - IX. VII. Conservation Commission mission. Dina gave out the statute for conservation commissions so that in the future we can discuss what our particular mission might be. Perhaps be more involved with the Planning Commission.
 - X. Winter Programs. Brad will contact Brad Salon at the Roots School to do another tracking program at the school possibly in March Dina will check when the Vershire snow shoe a-thon is so we can have a February full moon snow shoe in the Town Forest that does not compete.
 - XI. Orchard management. Think about organic management of the orchard Michael Phillips may be a contact person. Will need a management plan including the picking of apples and drops and mowing and weeding.
 - XII. Recycling/Compost law. The "Why Not" flyer will not go in the Dec.14 Corinth newsletter. Insert in the spring newsletter. For education session hold a raffle for the compost bins. Use CCC money to purchase. Continue discussion next meeting.
 - XIII. Bottles: Dec. 9 Glynn, Dec. 16- Kevin E., Dec. 23 Dutton, Dec.30. Marian, Jan.6, Brad. Linda moved and Kevin E. seconded to spend \$25 for two gift cards for Dutton and Asa for helping with the bottles and giving them a CCC T-shirt. All in favor.
 - XIV. Mall Money. \$180 given to Kevin E. to give to Susan. Dina to give Susan receipt for plastic bags purchased by Bill Tobin.
 - XV. Next Meeting Jan.8, 2018- the SECOND MONDAY as Jan.1 is the first Monday. Adjourned at 8:46PM
- Respectfully submitted, Dina DuBois