

Corinth Conservation Commission Minutes Jan. 8, 2018

APPROVED

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

I. Agenda change. Add Planning Commission survey re renewable energy under other business.

II. Minutes approval. Marian moved to accept the minutes of Dec.4, 2017. Linda seconded. All in favor.

Action items: Dina call VT Tech re apple food safety standards. Dina explore use of WRVS snow shoes/Mt. School snow shoe loan?All: watch recycling videos sent by email. Melissa ask Becky re T-shirts

III. Green Up Day. Kevin reported that Melissa would like to have Green Up Day T- shirts to promote the activity at WRV School. Discussion followed about cost, how many, sizes and purpose. Purpose might be safety, reward, advertising, recruit the kids and families. Melissa to research cost and possible supply through Green Up Day Vermont. Or other t-shirt providers. Ask Becky if she knows about T-shirts. Would they be given out at the transfer station to those bringing green bags? Worn during litter collection? Discussion to continue.

IV. Winter Tracking and other events. Brad reported that Brad Salon of The Roots School is available to lead two tracking walks on March 17: 9-12 and 1-4. The cost is \$350. Dina moved to pay the \$350 fee when receipt is received. Linda seconded. If weather prohibits and event is cancelled there is no cost. Discussed possibility of snow shoe walk at Roaring Ridge near full moon rise Jan.27 or Feb. 2 or possibly end of March. Target audience? Borrowing snow shoes from Mt. School and WRVS for those without? For inexperienced and experienced? Timing for moon rise? Tabled for next meeting.

V. Recycling/ composting law outreach. Dina commented on the news that China is not going to be taking US plastics for recycling. Marian reported that Casella is not going to be taking glass for recycling. What to do? Focus on the 2020 law about food scraps and composting. Focus on Education meeting and transfer station activity and purchase (?) of composting equipment for next meeting. Before next meeting, watch the videos supplied by Austin Texas recycling center sent by email.

VI. Town Forest. Kevin E. gave Sue Shea a metal Town Forest Sign which was appreciated. Kevin will work to make the “**parking**” words on the signs more visible.

VII. CCC mission. Discuss Planning Commission survey next meeting. Is that part of the CCC mission?

VIII. Orchard management. Dina presented the food safety standards apple checklist from UVM for consideration when we create an orchard management document. Is a community orchard required to meet the standards? Dina will ask Vermont Technical College what they do about that. Does that apply to a municipality? Does the insurance cover liability about food safety, not just tripping and falling? Use of manure? Not anymore. Public to collect fruit at their own risk. Put up a sign? Discussion to continue. Weeding, mulching, mowing, etc.

IX. Other business: Planning Commission survey. Continue next time. Related to the survey question about interest in individual, corporate or municipal renewable energy, Dina presented the Act 174 statute concerning municipalities ability to regulate their own towns location of renewable energy. The public Service Board includes “substantial deference” Do we need an amendment to that? Continue to understand and discuss. Also Washington Electric Co-op is hurt financially by additional solar. More discussion needed if Corinth wants to plan any new transfer station use of solar panels.

X. Bottle recycling schedule: Jan. 13- Kevin B., Jan. 20- Dutton, Jan. 27-Asa Porter, Feb. 3- Linda T.Marian moved to reimburse Glynn \$14.18 for garbage bag purchase for bottles. Seconded by Brad. All in favor.

NEXT Meeting is Feb.5 7:00pm at Corinth Town Hall.

Marian moved to adjourn at 8:42. Seconded by Dina Respectfully submitted by Dina DuBois

Corinth Conservation commission

Minutes: February 5, UNAPPROVED

2018Members present: Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Glynn Pellagrino , Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin
Dina DuBois
Absent: Brad Wheeler

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

I. Agenda change: Snow shoe walk under other business

II. Minutes of Jan 8, 2018. Add Glynn Pellagrino's name as present, change Asa Hathaway to ASA Porter. Glynn moved to accept those changes. Marian seconded. All in favor.

III. Action items: Dina email Shannon at NEKWMD the Austin, TX recycling education email. Send again to CCC members.to watch videos and other links.

IV. Bottle Duty: Feb. 10-Marian, Feb.17, Asa Porter, Feb. 24-Kevin E. March 3- Kevin B.

V. Green Up Day. Kevin reported Melissa's research on cost of Green Up T-shirts to be distributed at school and at the transfer station. 15 adult shirts each in small , medium and large. Design changes discussed to have a date or not, include Vermont after Corinth. Melissa will discuss with WRVS how the presentation at the school will motivate participation and to use the T-shirts for reward, motivation and safety (bright green color). Glynn moved to pay \$484.20 for 60 shirts for Green Up day. Kevin seconded. All in favor. Map for sign up to be taken after Town Meeting to the library for sign up. Having map at the East Corinth church might be problem of church and state separation.

VI. Winter events. *Winter tracking.* The Roots school winter tracking date is changed to March 24. Pruning of trees by cemetery March 10. Participation? Suggested to cut and pile branches and take them away. Marian and Glynn said they could help. ***Snow shoe walk.*** WRVS has lots of snow shoes. Dina and Marian will coordinate a snowshoe walk in the town forest before next CCC meeting March 5 2018 if possible. During school vacation or on a weekend? Vacation Feb.18-24.Go out red trail to blue trail. Fire at the end?

VII.Composting Outreach and education. Ask Shannon at NEKWMD to come to the March meeting to discuss materials and programming for May education on food scraps, composting and recycling. Dina showed the Austen TX link on making composting bins, the video on composting to show at the public meeting, showed other recycling materials. We will sign up for" intent to purchase and participate" in a program through NEKWMD of offers of containers at a discount price. Rather than buy the composting bin for \$55 each, we may get the kitchen counter container for \$10 to offer at the public meeting. After watching the composting video we can pursue what type of products to purchase for the public education instruction and demonstration. Members were asked to watch the video and look at the Austen links.

VIII. Act 171 Town Planning. Glynn describes how town will be required to identify and have goals for "forests Blocks" and "habitat connectors" in town maps . To be continued.

IX. Act 174 Enhanced energy plans. To be continued. Dina noted story in Valley News about Net metering downsides.

X. Town Meeting. Glynn will not be there. Other members can answer any questions about purpose and budget.

XI. Orchard Mangement Plan. Dina reported that Ginny Barlow is willing to help and recommends establishing goals. Mangement plan will be on fall agendas. For now continue as is for mowing, weeding. Ginny advises drops do need to be picked up in the spring.

NEXT MEETING March 5, 7:00PM Corinth town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:45. Linda moved to adjourn, seconded by Kevin B. All in favor. Respectfully submitted, Dina DuBois

Corinth Conservation Commission Minutes March 5, 2018 UNAPPROVED

Members Present: Dina DuBois, Brad Wheeler, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Glynn Pellagrino Member absent: Linda Tobin. Guests: Melissa Easton, Ken Arkind, Shannon Choquette

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

I. Minutes of Feb. 5, 2018. Kevin Eaton moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Marian Cawley. All in favor. Dina will not be at the April 2nd Meeting. Marian will write the minutes.

II. Action Items: Glynn: cancel "intent to purchase" kitchen containers. Kevin- receipt for T shirts to treasurer.

III. Universal recycling and Composting Shannon Choquette of NEKWMD attended the meeting to help plan Corinth's efforts to increase awareness and educate citizens about food scrap composting and recycling in preparation for the 2020 ban on food scraps in Vermont Landfills. A demonstration of how to mix food scraps with sawdust and hay will take place at the transfer station with a Soil Saver that she will bring to Corinth. The discounted cost of that is \$45 rather than \$100. Glynn will bring hay, Shannon will bring sawdust. That Transfer Station demonstration will be on May 12. Shannon will bring handouts for distribution that day that describe the 1,2,3 of backyard composting. Shannon will check on the cost of the outreach for copies of the handout. Sunday May 20 Shannon will hold an educational forum at the town hall to show videos on how to compost, provide several Soil Savers there to sell and to raffle off. She will need to know how many to bring. There will be two kinds of flyers at this education session to give out. By attending this forum participants can buy the Soil Saver at the reduced price.

IV. Green Up Day. Ken suggested and the members agreed to give an award to the person who brought in the most Green Up trash on May 5. Perhaps a plaque will be put on the picnic table. The Green up T shirts will be handed out as people get Green Up bags. Melissa will promote Green Up day at the school and offer the green T-shirts to interested students for safety and participation. Green Up day will be discussed at Town Meeting under "other business". The receipt for \$484.20 for the T-Shirts will be given to the town treasurer. Ken and Melissa will be organizing volunteers for Green Up Day with the map and bags at the library and the Town Hall.

V. Town Meeting address. Glynn will describe the CCC's goals and activities and explain the town contribution, which helps support grant applications. Melissa and Ken will promote Green Up day at Town Meeting.

VI. Tree pruning on Center Road will not take place this year. The forester who was going to do it has not been reachable.

VII. Town Orchard Plan. The plan needs goals. Ginny Barlow has said she will work with the CCC to create a plan.

VIII. Town Plan. Glynn has reached out to Dick Kelly, chair of the planning commission, in regard to input from the Conservation Commission around Act 171 and Act 174 which are part of the town plan process.

IX. Other business. *Snow Shoe event.* Because of difficulty for multiple vehicle parking spaces at Clement trail or the Town forest and snow plowing for access no snow shoe event this year. Next year possibly at NESLOPES. Discussion of *ordering kitchen pails* 20 or 30 at discount price for coming to the education meeting. Marian moved to cancel the "intent to order". Brad seconded. All in favor.

X. Bottle Duty: March 10- Brad, March 17- Dutton, March 24- Glynn, March 31- Linda
Glynn moved to adjourn at 8:50. Marian seconded. All in favor. Respectfully submitted. Dina DuBois

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Marian Cawley, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Brad Wheeler, new member Jon Spanier. Guest, Lee Porter. **Absent:** Dina Dubois. **Call to order:** 7:05 p.m.

Action items:

Marian: get map to Jon by 4/21; email Shannon to see how she wants compost bed prepared; announce composting workshop and forum on LRN; copy Ken and Melissa on minutes

Linda: Talk to Bob Sandberg about possibly saying a few words at the forum and bringing a sample of his finished product

Brad: contact Nancy Ertle about parking on 5/26 (orchard work day); contact John Sutton

Glynn: Create flier for 5/20 forum

Agenda Changes: Welcome to new member Jon Spanier and to guest Lee Porter.

Approval of March 2018 minutes: *Kevin E. moved to approve minutes. Marian 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.*

Public Comment: Lee brought a rough map of proposed new transfer station area and proposed that CCC be involved in “beautifying” the new site with plantings and landscaping. Selectboard would like a berm along the road frontage. CCC agreed and will begin looking this week. Glynn reminded Lee that Green Up Day is approaching and that last year we had some excessive tire dumping. Lee suggested that we approach the Selectboard about lifting the ban on ATV road travel just for Green Up, because he thinks we will get more help that way on some of the more traveled roads. We will start looking asap.

Green Up: Melissa and Ken asked for help on April 21 at the Transfer Station (handing out shirts and bags and encouraging signups on the map), as neither of them can be there. CCC members will fill in that day as follows: **8-9, Jon; 9-10:30, Glynn; 10:30-12, Linda; 12-1, Kevin B.** Jon will take shirts to Transfer Station on 4/21.

Tracking Walk Follow-up: Both sessions were well attended, with 10 in the morning and 6 in the afternoon. Kevin E. took photos and will send to Anne McKinsey for Corinth web site. Brad Salon will send his invoice to Glynn. The money has been approved and Glynn will submit the bill to Neysa (new treasurer).

Composting Workshop and Universal Recycling Law Forum: Shannon sent posters to place at the Transfer Station explaining the composting process. Her composting demonstration will happen on 5/12 followed by a forum on the Universal Recycling Law 5/20. Both will be announced on the LRN. For the forum on 5/21, Shannon has a projector. The CCC will create a flier advertising the forum. Glynn will bring his new compost bin for people to see, and other ideas will be offered as well. Marian and Glynn will bring empty buckets. Linda will talk to Bob Sandberg about possibly saying a few words and bringing a bucket of his finished compost.

Town Meeting Follow-up: Glynn introduced Melissa Eaton and Ken Arkind (dressed in the green t-shirts!). The town granted the \$200 we had requested.

Orchard: Ginny posted an announcement about an orchard work day on 5/26 (Sat. a.m.). Brad will check with Nancy about parking during that period, as there is something else scheduled for that day at the Town Hall.

Bottle duty: 4/7, Marian; 4/14, Kevin E.; 4/21, Kevin B.; 4/28, Jon; 5/5, Asa Porter (Glynn will call)

Other Business: Brad will email John Sutton about possible bird walks.

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

Next meeting: May 7, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cawley

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION May 7, 2018 Minutes UNAPPROVED

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Kevin Eaton, Dina DuBois

Absent: Jon Spanier, Brad Wheeler, Kevin Buchanan

Guests: Melissa Eaton, Ken Arkind

Action items: Dina – call Joan Hayward re location of composting demo and pile. Glynn – hardware cloth behind bottles. Glynn – Post on LRN for composting demo. ALL bring food scraps for compost demonstration next Sat. May 12 at Transfer station. Marian – Post on LRN re May 21 Education forum on composting. Marian – speak to Bob Sandberg about donating a bucket of compost for the forum. Glynn – create flyers for education forum to distribute. One side from Shannon, other side info for forum. Marian and Glynn – bring buckets.

I. Meeting called to order 6:04 pm.

II. **Minutes** . *Glynn moved to approve minutes of April 2, 2018. Marian seconded. All in favor.*

III. **Green Up Day report**. Ken and Melissa reported 161 bags and 20 tires collected. 54 participants brought bags. 62 had signed up. Carl Demrow and Tania Aebi with 5 team members handed in 25 bags. Most valuable player award goes to Melissa Eaton. She reported that the 5th and 6th graders at WRVS were attentive. The fifth graders were particularly enthusiastic. T-shirts were a big hit. Melissa will ask Mrs. Maxwell to find out how many of her students participated in Green Up day collection. Melissa will ask junior students at her school to be the Green Up volunteer for next year. The Green Up plaque for most bags turned in will go up on the post of the bulletin board kiosk in the Town Forest. Each year a new name will be added.

IV. **Compost demonstration**. Transfer station May 12. Glynn will email Shannon to find out when she will arrive at the transfer station to do the demonstration and to find out how long she will be there. CCC members will be by the garbage truck to direct folks to the composting demonstration on Saturday. Marian: 8-9, Dina 9-10, Linda 10-11, Glynn 11-12 Members will also bring food scraps, leaves and hay.

V. **Education Forum**. Discussion centered on who would do publicity in the form of flyers and LRN notices. Shannon Choquette, from NEKWMD, will conduct the forum at the Town Hall.

VI. **Bottle collection schedule**: 5/12-Glynn, 5/19-Brad, 5/26-Kevin Eaton, 6/2-Linda

Meeting adjourned 6:46 pm

Next meeting June 4 at 7 pm at Corinth Town Hall

Submitted by Dina DuBois

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION June 4, 2018 Minutes APPROVED

Present:Members: Glynn Pellagrino, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Kevin Eaton, Dina DuBois,
Kevin Buchanan, Jon Spanier Absent: Brad Wheeler Guest: Lindle Sutton

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Action Items: Kevin E.: Roots School bill for Brad Salon needed, Check with Melissa about volunteer and number of WRVS kids who did Green Up, arrange Forest trail walk with Dina, and buy picnic table. Marian:ask Ginny for cost of mulch, ask Ginny to consult about trees at transfer station and erosion prevention if necessary. Ask Jeff for cost estimate to mow. Glynn: contact Jeff about mowing orchard July, Aug. Sept., Contact Shannon re reimbursement of bin cost. Jon, Kevin B., Marian: Clement trail clearing June 30. Dina: send out Mall hosting schedule.

I. Agenda changes. Other business add: Mall, new transfer station, town plan, trail maintenance.

II. Minutes approval. Kevin moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2018. Linda seconded. All in favor.

III. Public comment. Lindle would like to be involved with the CCC although is away in the winter, perhaps helping with volunteers for trail clearings.

IV. Green Up Day report. Tire disposal charges sent to town treasurer Nyssa. The town paid \$113.20 for tires from the \$400 allocated. There is a surplus. Green Up Day t-shirts cost \$484.20.

Ken has ordered a painted aluminum sign 8"x10" to be made with winner's name of most bags submitted: Carl Demrow. Hope to have Carl attend when putting up the sign: photo Op.

V. Compost Workshop Follow up. Around 30 people attended. 4 compost bins sold at reduced price. Dina moved to Pay NEWMD \$45 for purchase of demonstration bin used at transfer station. Jon seconded. All in favor. Perhaps raffle off the bin at another occasion. Move the bin when the transfer station moves. Have another demonstration at the new transfer station? Discussion of new rule of no food scraps by 2020 and the CCC roles in educating and informing the public about that.

IV. Treasurer's report. Currently CCC has \$10, 894 combined with balance of \$4,000 from the Town Forest account. Kevin will get a bill from the Roots school to submit to Nyssa.

V. Town Orchard. Discussion about who to mow the orchard and how often. Greg Thurston who mows for the town, the small patch by town hall, would like to mow the orchard. Jeff Flye has been spoken to by Ginny and Marian. Marian said she'd get estimates from him. Glynn will speak to Jeff to mow for July, August and Sept. as Hal Drury has said he would mow through June. Marian moved to have Jeff mow, seconded by Linda. All in favor. This is paid for by the CCC funds. Greg would be paid from a town budget. Dina brought up possible mowing of the whole meadow behind Town Hall to cut down chervil. Ask select board about that. The orchard mowing would be a CCC budget item.

Access and use of orchard field for the public was discussed in connection with a large party held last week at town hall. When an orchard management plan is worked on perhaps these mowing concerns will be addressed. Orchard clean up day. Ginny brought mulch that needs to be paid for. Bob Sandberg brought compost. Marian will ask to reimburse Ginny.

VI. Town Forest. Kevin has stained trail signs so that the white painted numbers have higher contrast. He moved to buy the smaller size picnic table for the head of the red trail for \$120 plus tax. Dina seconded. Discussion about how to get that heavy table up there. Then put the location on the poster at the kiosk to say where it is, making it a destination. Forest trail clearing was discussed. Kevin and Dina will walk the trails to do preliminary clearing and assessment. Possible sculpture in the forest in the fall with WRVS kids and/or parent kids art work with Nick Neddo of the Roots school. Trail work on Clement trail was scheduled with CCC members: Jon, Kevin B, Marian for June 30.

VII. Emerald Ash Borer. Accessing Ash trees in the town Forest will be discussed in the future. Dina brought up the question of whether to identify the trees and harvest them before infestation. She did say the price of ash is now low because of increased inventory due to more cutting because of the threat of the Emerald Ah Borer.

VIII. Bottle Duty: June 9- Jon, June 16- Dutton, June 23- Marian, June 30-KevinB.

IX. Other Business.

A. New transfer station. Marian will ask Ginny, the town forester, to think about trees at the new site. Ginny got trees planted as a border/visual barrier at the current transfer station when it was moved there. Would we use the opening of the new transfer station as a chance to have another composting demonstration?

B. The Mall. The Groschners will let the CCC use "The Mall" again this year for a short season to end the last weekend in August, with clean out the first weekend in September. Dina passed around a schedule for CCC members to sign up for hosting. She will handle scheduling hosts.

C. Trail clearing. Clement trail will have clearing started with Marian, Jon, and Kevin B.

C. Town Plan. Glynn has been notified that the CCC has a role to play in the town plan. CCC has discussed what tasks we may take on and whether to participate in the town plan.

Submitted by Dina DuBois

CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES JULY 2, 2018 UNAPPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT: JON SPANIER, LINDA TOBIN, KEVIN BUCHANAN, BRAD WHEELER

ABSENT: GLYNN PELLAGRINO, MARIAN CAWLEY, KEVIN EATON

GUESTS: KEN ARKIND, LINDLE SUTTON, SUZANNE OPTON, GINNY BARLOW, CHRIS GROSCHNER

Meeting called to order by Brad Wheeler: 7:03PM

Action items: Ginny Barlow will put fence offering on LRN. Dina will talk to WRV School about Sculpture in the Town Forest, Jon will talk to Redstart about education forum on invasives. Glynn will pay Association of Conservation Commission dues. Dina will write Ginny and Bob thank you notes.

- I. Agenda changes.** Green Up Day Award moved to #2. Add yellow rattle discussion to Other business.
- II. Public comment.** Chris Groschner, whose building has housed “The Mall” swap shop that the CCC has operated as a recycle /re-use center, sees this summer as its final season due to Northern Woodlands leaving the building. The space will be used to create a “money stream”... a rental space. Because of the loss of that space where congenial community conversation took place during the summer months, Chris thought perhaps the CCC could build a small shed to house the swap shop on land that the Groschners own that is the parking space next to the current “Mall.” Discussion followed about possible use of the new transfer station hosted by CCC volunteers. Kevin B. spoke about his experience with that at the Thetford transfer station. The Select Board is in charge of the transfer station so any idea like that would go through the Select Board. CCC thanked Chris for the use of the space and for the opportunity to consider a small space in the same locale that promotes the community building aspect of the mall.
- III. Green Up Day Award.** Ken Arkind showed the plaque to post on the kiosk for most green up bags collected. He suggested having a Town Forest clean up day be a day to post the plaque on the kiosk and have Carl Demrow and team there for congratulations. Sept. 15, 2018 will be the day for forest trail clearing and award day. Ken was thanked for all his coordination and enthusiasm for the project. He told us he really enjoyed doing it and praised Melissa Eaton for her work. He hopes her school will participate next year with a senior student. He will ask Kevin to see if Melissa found out how many students at WRVS did participate.
- IV. IV. Association of Conservation’s dues.** Glynn was not present to say what the amount of the dues is. Linda read from a flyer- probably \$50. Dina moved to pay the dues in a timely fashion. Jon seconded. All in favor. Glynn will let us know what the dues are and when they need to be sent.
- V. June 4, 2018 Minutes Approval.** Approval of changes submitted by Marian with correction of Mariah to Marian. Kevin B. moved to approve, Jon seconded. All in favor.
- VI. Town Orchard.** Ginny Barlow the creator of the orchard gave its history so that the CCC could understand its origin. A \$2,000 grant paid for 10 trees planted in 2014 and another 10 in 2015. Two that died have been replaced. The grant also paid for the fencing to protect the trees and for the picnic table and hoses to water the trees. Ginny will post an offer of fencing- for- free on LRN. Ginny has one fence and two were given to Suzanne Opton for two pear trees planted in her commons adding to the spring tree blossom effort in Cookeville. Jeff Flye will now mow. Louise Graf has been pruning, Ginny has led cleanup. The reason Ginny said it is lawn-like is to prevent people from getting ticks as they mow and care for the trees and for people picking. The soil was tested and amended at the original planting. But may need another soil test. Discussion of a management plan followed. Ginny prefers to have a vision/mission statement more than a detailed plan as things change over the years. Brad asked if Ginny would continue to coordinate the orchard clean up, pruning and post on LRN about apple picking at the end of the summer. She agreed!! Dina talked about advice received from a fruit tree farmer who said the drops need to be picked up to avoid disease being carried to the trees. Ginny would like two clean up days: one in the spring and one in the fall. They are community apples. Dina suggested there be a sign inviting the community

to pick from the trees or the drops at their own risk. Ginny and Bob Sandberg donated the mulch and compost.

VII. Trail Work. Jon, Kevin N. and Lindle reported that the Clement trail was pretty clear. Discussion followed on the need for a sign where a loop begins so that there is no confusion that the split in the trail is a loop. It was agreed that a sign is needed. Signs were made for the town forest, so that can be reviewed as to how they were made and who did it. Lindle said she would add a notebook at the trail head for people to sign. Lindle has volunteered to join the CCC and awaits approval of the select board. Many thanks to Lindle.

VIII. Town Forest. A trail clearing is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2018. Dina brought up again the idea of having an Andy Goldsworthy kind of natural outdoor sculpture event in the town forest. She will talk it over with the art teacher at the school and she knows a person who would do that kind of work with a range of natural materials. Perhaps an October event.

VIII. Bottle Duty. July 7- Brad, July 14- Kevin B. July 21- Jon, July 28- Glynn, Aug. 4- Linda. Fewer bottles were at the transfer station. Crossmolina farm picked up the bottles for their use.

IX. Other business. Yellow Rattle invasive. Susie Strainchamps last summer notified the CCC about this invasive and let us know that someone could come and educate people about dealing with this. Dina handed out the paragraph saying that early cutting two times and for two years is most effective. Jon brought up the issue of other invasives and why only deal with this one. Discussion followed. Kevin B. talked of having an education and awareness program about invasives in general. Jon said he would call Redstart Forestry to explore if they would be interested in holding such a program.

Next meeting is Aug. 6 at Town hall at 7:00pm.

Brad moved to adjourn at 8:30PM. Kevin B. seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by Dina DuBois

Corinth Conservation Commission
Minutes August 6, 2018 (Unapproved)

Members present: Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier, Kevin Eaton, Marian Cawley, Brad Wheeler

Absent: Dina Dubois, Linda Tobin, Kevin Buchanan

Meeting called to order by Glynn: 7:06 pm

Action items

- Jon will contact Markus Bradley regarding Japanese knotweed along Cookeville Road
- Marian and Ginny will come up with management plan for orchard
- Kevin E. and Brad will plan to finish boundary marking in Town Forest
- Brad will contact Dutton about doing bottles on 8/25
- Glynn will contact Asa about doing bottles on 9/8

I. **Agenda changes.** Update on town plan and Act 170

II. **Public comment.** None.

III. **July 9, 2018 minutes approval.** Marian moved to approve, Jon seconded. All in favor.

IV. **Invasive species projects.** Should we try to have an information session in the fall? Or perhaps in late winter? This seems like a good idea, and we will revisit it in September. Jon reported on his interchange with Redstart. Ben had attended a selectboard meeting to see if they wanted Redstart to treat the knotweed along Cookeville Rd., but no action was taken. He felt a push by the CCC might help. Jon will contact Markus or Ben to see how exactly they would treat it. Not sure CCC wants to endorse spraying, as there is some concern about toxic spray near the water – or at all.

V. **New transfer station.** We need to decide what plantings might work to both screen transfer station from the road and look decent. Ginny had volunteered to make a plan, but she is out of town so this is tabled till next meeting.

VI. **Bottles.** Glynn had an invoice for \$16.98 for garbage bags to be approved by the town treasurer. Marian moved to reimburse him. Jon seconded. All in favor. / Brad did bottles on the Monday after July 4th weekend and reported that there were so many he had to make two trips. We decided that on bottle-pick-up days after major holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day) we will have 2 people available to take them to Bradford.

VII. **Town Forest.** New picnic table on North Trail spur was carried up by a youth group associated with the Corinth Bible Church. / There is still a small section of the forest to mark with boundary signs. Kevin E. and Brad will make a plan to complete this project. / Dina is still trying to plan an educational event for the fall. She is the contact person with WRVS. Glynn proposed Earth Day 2019 as a target date. / Joe Blodgett spoke to Glynn about a tree-cutting workshop he is planning in October. He wondered whether the Town Forest might be a place where they could cut – i.e., might have trees that need to be cut or that we would like cut. Kevin E. will speak to David Paganelli, the Orange County forester, about this.

VIII. **Recycling.** Because China is no longer taking U.S. recycled material, there may be changes in how we process such matter. We will ask Bob Sandberg to come to our next meeting to recap NEKWMD's management plan for recyclables.

IX. **Orchard.** Trees look good, though not many apples. Jeff Flye seems to be mowing. Marian and Ginny still need to put together a maintenance plan for the orchard, which will include 2 maintenance days, one in the spring and one in the fall.

X. **Mall.** Chris offered us space to build a small shed to serve as mall space. Our concern is that it might not be big enough and we want a place with some room. This is a social opportunity as much as anything. We will discuss further at our next meeting and will decide about who will do a purging

when the facility closes in the fall. Glynn will talk to Joe Blodgett about the possibility of having a trailer at the new transfer station that could serve as mall space.

- XI.** Bottle duty. 8/11, Kevin E.; 8/18, Marian; 8/25, Dutton (Brad will inform him); 9/1, Brad; 9/8, Asa (Glynn will notify)
- XII.** Next meeting. Because the first Monday in September falls on Labor Day, we opted to change the date to 9/10/18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Marian moved to adjourn, Jon seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Marian Cawley

Corinth Conservation Commission
September 10, 2018 -MINUTES Unapproved

Members present: Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan

Absent: Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Brad Wheeler **Guest:** Ken Arkind.

Glynn called meeting called to order 7:07PM

Action Items: - Ken, make poster and newsletter article about Green Up Day Award and Trail Clearing -Dina LRN and FACEBOOK re trail clearing, put up posters, pictures of trail clearing to Ken, cider and donuts for trail clearing, notify WRV School about trail clearing, bring in garden hose. -Glynn cover picnic table.

I. Agenda changes: Green Up Day award First

II. Green Up Day Award. A forest trail clearing will be combined with the Green Up Day Award Sunday Oct. 14 from 1-4PM. The award plaque will be placed on the kiosk. Ken will write this for the newsletter and make a poster. Meet at Town Hall at 12:45 to car pool. Limited parking at forest.

III. Approval of Minutes. Aug. 6, 2018 CCC minutes. Glynn moved to approve the minutes. Kevin B. seconded. All in favor.

IV. Mall relocation. Kevin B. shared that the transfer station in Thetford is where swapping items occurs and is well used and provides social interaction. Whether to move our swap shop to the new transfer station was discussed: a shed there? Hosting just in the summer? Discussed Chris Groschner's offer of placing a prefab shed beside the Post Office building. Cost of around \$3,000 seemed like too much. Could be built by volunteers? Tabled for future discussion as transfer station not moved and not needed til next summer.

V. Invasive species issues. Redstart Forestry has sent a proposed map of the areas for treatment. Ben Machin requests the select board be asked about glyphosate poisoning of the weed. Because discussion of the possible cancer causing problems and that it is too late this year to apply the discussion was tabled. Kevin B asked how big a problem it is. It crowds out other plants along the waterways and in flooding does not hold onto the banks and goes into the streams. Jon asked if this topic of dealing with invasives is something the CCC wants to take on. Possibly education about the topic would be possible. Tabled for now. Glynn reviewed the current mission of the CCC: trail clearing, forest maintenance, Orchard maintenance, education re food scraps. Dina brought up that there are many things a CC MAY do. Continue to refine CCC mission/ activities.

VI. Transfer station. CCC learned that the move of the transfer station is on hold. Plan for landscaping is with Ginny and Marian. Dina showed a mound system that might create a green barrier to shield the entrance.

VII. Town Forest. Kevin talked about wet spots around/near the new picnic table along the brook. He consulted with Carl Demrow about board walks, rocks, hard pack to deal with the wetness. Move the table? Dig a ditch, make a water bar? Look at it during trail clearing day.

Dina reported that the art teacher at WRVS was not able to work with the CCC to create a sculpture experience in the town Forest. She will ask the principal if there are other teachers who would like to do that or work with the home schooling community. Emily at the Library would be a good connection for that.

VIII. Orchard plan. Ginny and Marian not there to discuss. Dina showed a sign used at the John Muir orchard in California that might be used: "Please help the trees by not climbing on them and only sampling one or two pieces of fruit from low branches or on the ground." She brought up liability of people eating drops that are contaminated. They need to be /washed and cooked. Need community guidelines, pruning, ecological management. Ginny proposed selling the remaining fencing. CCC will ask Ginny to sell it on LRN.

IX. Town Plan Glynn will continue to work with the town planning board to preserve forested corridors (Act 171) and to identify what corridors we have.

X. Recycling/compost. Dina asked about the composting bin at the transfer station. Glenn will pick it up and keep it for some future use.

XI. Bottle Duty: Sept. 15 Marian, Sept. 22 Kevin B. Sept. 29 Glynn, Oct. 38 Kevin E.

XII. Adjournment. Kevin E. moved to adjourn 8:55; All in favor. Jon seconded.

Next meeting October 1, 2018 7:00 PM Town Hall Submitted by, Dina DuBois

Corinth Conservation Commission
October 1, 2018 Minutes, Unapproved

Members present: Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Brad Wheeler. **Absent:** Dina Dubois. **Guests:** Chris Groschner, Lindle Lawton-Sutton.

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM

Action Items: *Glynn: Finish cleaning out mall. *Marian: Speak to Jeff Flye. *All CCC Members: Ideas for winter programs.

Public Comment: Lindle spoke to Chris about her interest in serving on the CCC. She wondered why no action had been taken when she had expressed interest 4 months ago. It appears to have been oversight, and Chris assured her that they would vote on it at the Oct. 2 meeting.

Chris thanked the CCC for their work cleaning out the room formerly occupied by the Cookeville Mall. He encouraged us to finish the job – just a few more things to collect and find homes for. Glynn says he's on it. We talked briefly about whether to relocate the mall to the new Transfer Station site or leave it in Corinth Center, where it has been.

I. **Agenda changes:** Brad asked to add a little discussion about buying a tablet for GPS purposes, as he and Glynn are both working with the Planning Committee on complying with the requirements of Act ???.

II. **Green Up Day Award.** This is in Ken's hands now. He had said he would make posters and announcements on the LRN

III. **Approval of Minutes.** September 10, 2018 CCC minutes. Marian moved to approve. Kevin B. seconded. All in favor.

IV. **Mall relocation.** There was some discussion about what a new space might look like. Possibly an army surplus trailer, possibly a new simple structure built by volunteers. Possibly at the transfer station, possibly somewhere in Corinth Center. The move will likely not take place till next year, so we have a little reprieve for planning. Will do some research and revisit this at November meeting. When it was pointed out that Joe Blodgett might come up with a building that we could use, in which case we would need to be prepared to say yes or no, Kevin Eaton moved that the CCC spend up to \$2000 to purchase such a building/trailer to be used as the new swap shop at the new transfer station site. Linda seconded. All in favor.

V. **Town Forest Trail Work.** Date set for October 14. The awards ceremony will also happen that day. There will be a few CCC members there in addition to all the public input we will no doubt have. Kevin E. reminded us that there are wet spots around the picnic table that they placed at the end of the red trail spur. He is trying to resolve the matter. A bear apparently has been using the table in our absence.

VI. **Invasive species issues.** We discussed holding an educational forum on invasive species in general. We need to decide on a date, but will revisit this at next meeting.

VII. **Winter programs.** An "entertainment" event was suggested, something along the lines of the stone wall talk and the timber rattler talk we had a couple years ago. We also would like to hold an educational forum on composting without linking it to the universal composting and recycling law. We will put our thinking caps on and come up with suggestions for next meeting. We're thinking January or February for these events.

VIII. **Bottles:** Linda received a check for \$244 from the redemption center. **Bottle duty:** 10/6, Ginny; 10/13, Jon; 10/20, Brad; 10/27, Kevin E.; 11/3, Linda

IX. **Other business.** Marian sent draft copies of orchard plan to all CCC members, but not in time for all of them to have a chance to read it. We will discuss it when all have had a chance to do so. Marian will speak with Jeff Flye about reimbursing him gas money (at least). We also discussed getting him some kind of gift for his voluntary mowing.

XII. **Adjournment.** Marian moved to adjourn 8:16; Linda seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting November 5, 2018 7:00 PM Town Hall Submitted by Marian Cawley

Members present: Dina DuBois, Lindle Sutton, Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin

Absent: Jon Spanier, Brad Wheeler **Guest:** Chris Groschner

Meeting called to order: 7:10Pm. **Action items:** Brad, Lindle, Marian, see bottles.

I. **Agenda changes:** Other: announcement of West Fairlee Event, transfer station /mall discussion

II. **Minutes approval.**CCC October 1, 2018 minutes. Moved for approval by Linda Tobin, seconded by Glynn Pellagrino. All in favor.

III. **Public comment.** Chris Groschner asked the CCC to consider having green/natural burials in the Town Forest. Discussion followed on mission of the forest, a fee for burial, machinery to dig a hole, distress of visitors knowing of burials, what about green burial in town cemeteries. Groschner cited environmental hazards of burial: embalming fluid, copper, brass etc.

IV. **Town Forest.**Trail clearing was well attended. Some clearing still to be done at the top of the orange trail. Kevin wondered about post event publicity. Perhaps the JO would cover it...a picture to pass to them. What about letting Bessie Sanberg know about events ahead of time to promote in the JO Corinth column? Kevin suggested having a trail become a tree ID trail with posts to have a question about trees to see, leaf drawing, and an answer under a flap and trees having a post with ID on it. Perhaps having a flyer at the kiosk for tree ID on that trail. Kevin B concerned about interrupting the naturalness of the forest with posts. Dina did say the school has tree ID as part of the curriculum. Dina reported that the art teacher at the school was not interested in having a sculpture day in the forest.

V. **Green Up Day Award.** the Green Up award TEAM TAPLIN with 25 bags plaque was posted on the kiosk. Carl Demorow and Tania Aebbi – Taplin team leaders- posed with Green Up Day leaders Ken Arkind and Melissa Eaton.

VI. **Treasurer report.** Kevin, the treasurer, reported no significant change in amount of @ \$10,000 with @ \$4,000 of that from the forest account. Town budget meeting is Nov.14. Glynn will try to make it with a request for money for the Green Up Day trash collection. Lindle will consult with Glynn and go to the budget meeting if Glynn cannot. Discussion followed about buying a tablet for use in assessing and documenting the ash tree /emerald borer problem. Kevin moved to have the CCC ask for \$300 for Green Up Day trash removal and \$ 100 for on going CCC programs and grant opportunities. Marian seconded. All in favor.

VII. **Winter programs.** Discussion of the mission of the CCC is a recurring theme., identifying what the CCC wants to address. Education forums rather than implementation of programs was suggested by Kevin B. The CCC has already taken on educating Corinthians about the food scraps law change. Now perhaps forums on invasives, green burials, and renewable energy could be topics for educating the public as winter events. Another tracking walk is a possibility. And what about another full moon snow shoe walk? Or a talk on astronomy: phases of the moon/eclipses.

VIII. **Bottles:** Nov. 10, Lindle and Marian; Nov. 17, Lindle; Nov. 24, Brad; Dec.1, Kevin B. The Bradford Redemption Center might consider coming to pick up the bottles.

IX. **Other.** Linda shared posters for a Natural Science Center presentation (Animals with a BAD Reputation) in West Fairlee Nov. 11. Dina asked about the decision made at the last meeting to have the swap shop at the new transfer station and whether having it near the post office as still a possibility. Evidently the place for the shop would be over tanks and therefore not okay.

X. **Adjournment.** Glynn moved to adjourn at 8:50. Kevin seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting Dec. 3, 2018 7:00Pm Town Hall

Submitted by Dina DuBois

Members present: Glynn Pellagrino, Dina DuBois, Kevin Eaton, Marian Cawley, Linda Tobin, Brad Wheeler, Jon Spanier, Kevin Buchanan (late arrival). **Absent:** Lindle Lawton-Sutton.

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm.

Action items: Brad W. will contact Brad S. re winter tracking, will clean up rest of bottles at Transfer Station, and will speak w/ Ginny about a grant proposal. * Kevin E. will speak to Jacob at the redemption center. * Dina will follow up with Chris Groschner re green burials.

I. **Agenda changes:** Dina talked briefly in support of setting our agenda for next month's meeting at the end of the present meeting, going forward. Additions to the agenda were the bottle collection process; orchard management; iPad for town use in response to emerald ash borer (EAB) invasion; trailer for new transfer station; budget meeting

II. **Minutes approval.** CCC November 6, 2018 minutes. Marian Cawley moved to approve, with changes (adding Kevin B. to bottle duty list), seconded by Kevin Eaton. All in favor.

III. **Public comment.** None.

IV. **Winter Programs. Tracking workshop with Brad Salon:** Brad W. will contact him about dates/times. He will also ask whether the Roots School has any connection with WRVS. If not, Brad W. will propose that Brad S. hold a couple of workshops on a school day for WRVS students, to be paid for by the CCC.

Full moon walk/snowshoe: There will be super moons in January, February, and March of 2019, with a total lunar eclipse on January 21 (the full moon). We will iron out details at our January meeting. **Moon**

Talk follow-up: Kevin E. spoke to his friend John Perry, an astronomy professor, who respectfully declined our invitation to give a talk about the moon. **Invasives Forum:** We hope to do this sometime after Town Meeting. Other things discussed were a composting forum and a green burials info session.

V. **Treasurer's Report.** Bottle donations yielded \$1,133.75 from May to October, 2018. Our expenses were \$8.99 for trash bags. We have \$2,802 in the Town Forest account and \$10,827.45 total (including the Town Forest account).

VI. **Bottles:** Due to scheduling mishaps, Kevin B. had a double load on 12/1 and not enough room in his truck. Brad will pick up the remaining bottles and redeem them. Kevin Eaton spoke to Jacob at the Bradford Redemption Center. They discussed replacing the trash cans with large crates that could be moved with his lift gate truck. Kevin E. will follow up with him.

Bottle duty: 12/8, Asa (Glynn contact); 12/15, Dutton (Brad contact); 12/22, Jon; 12/29, Glynn; 1/5, Marian.

VII. **Other. Army surplus trailer:** Brad spoke to Joe Blodgett, who says these are few and far between – he will let us know if one comes up. Brad proposed creating a structure using volunteer labor led by a builder, with local sourced materials, as much of it as possible donated. Discussion to be continued.

Green burials: Dina suggested that we should contact Chris Groschner about his informal proposal to have a green burial site in the Town Forest, to thank him and let him know that we are discussing it. She will take this on. **IPad for use by EAB ad hoc committee:** Brad talked to Elise Schadler about these. There are used ones available, but Ginny offered to write a grant proposal for buying materials pertinent to the EAB response. *Glynn moved to authorize Ginny to oversee the grant proposal. Brad seconded. All in favor.* Brad will follow up. (There was some discussion about what exactly the CCC's role is in this endeavor – supporting the town in its response to the EAB invasion was our response.)

Budget meeting: Glynn attended. The town granted us \$300 for Green-Up Day costs and \$100 for us. Glynn asked for volunteers to write the CCC blurb for the town report. Marian volunteered. **Orchard management:** Dina

proposed a sign in the orchard with guidelines for purposes of hygiene and orchard health. Discussion tabled till next meeting.

VIII. Agenda for January 7 meeting: 1. Agenda changes. 2. Minutes approval. 3. Public comment. 4. Orchard management plan. 5. EAB grant. 6. New building at Transfer Station for bottles/mall. 7. Full-moon walk/snowshoe details. 8. Bottles/Bottle duty. 9. Other duties. 10. Adjournment.

IX. Adjournment. Marian moved to adjourn at 9:00. Linda T. seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting January 7, 2019, 7:00 pm, Town Hall

Submitted by Marian Cawley