Corinth Conservation Commission
July 1, 2024 Draft Minutes

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Mary Kent, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Ken Arkind.
Absent Luke Campbell, Luise Graff, John Melquist, Katharine Lea.
Public: Dave Adams

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08

Land Acknowledgment

Approval of June minutes. Glynn moved. Lindle seconded. Minutes approved.

Public Comment: Dave Adams brought up two issues that he thought the Conservation Commission should be aware of. One was the beaver dam on the Chelsea Road, just west of Eagle Hollow Road. Adams had concerns about road flooding as a result of the dam. Adams' second concern was about a parcel of land that is now for sale on the Chelsea Road where he said previous to the land coming up for sale, it appeared someone had brought in a number of trailers up into the woods, but he wasn't sure they were being occupied. The CCC was aware of the beaver issue and will check out the situation. The CCC referred Adams to the select board with his second concern.

Act 250 Law Changes. Discussion about what the new changes in Act 250 will mean for development in Corinth. We need to wait and see what the new rules will look like and what legal challenges may occur. Ken didn't think much would change for Corinth. Glynn pointed out that the Planning Commission is moving forward with changes to the subdivision bylaws, incorporating forest block language into requirements, and that Act 250 changes may give those changes more weight.

Ken researched printing options for the landowner letter. The cheapest option was Staples. $425.00.Lindle moved we approve that amount for printing, Ken seconded, motion approved unanimously. But Lindle will check with the town clerk to see if we can copy the letter at the town office. She will also check on a bulk mailing permit. We agreed to print the letter and complete the landowner list from our map by the time we have the letters printed.

Glynn presented Lindle with the invoice for $500.00 for the transfer station mural. The money will go to pay Matt Denton for his time on the project. The money was pre-approved at a prior meeting. Lindle would like more details of total costs for the project. Invoice was submitted to the town treasurer.

Act 59 30/30, 50/50 Conservation of Land in Vermont. Ken caught us up on the latest meeting by state groups. The first year of the law involves inventorying already conserved/ protected land. Next year the goal is to conserve 186,000 acres additional acres which will bring Vermont to 30 percent land conservation. The second year's work will involve deciding which lands to protect and how to pay owners for conserving them.

Trail Maintenance : Mary will walk the town forest to see about the condition of the trails. Glynn will try and walk the Clement Loop trail to do the same.

Bottle duty for July: Ken 7/6, Glynn 7/13, Katharine 7/20, ? 7/27

Adjournment at 8:37.