Minutes of Corinth Conservation Committee Meeting January 4th, 2021

Present: Glynn Pellegrino, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind, Kevin Buchanon, Kevin Eaton, Linda Tobin, Lindle Sutton.

Not present: Brad Wheeler

Guest: Jeff Spiegel of the Corinth Community Coalition

1) 7.06 pm Meeting called to order by Glynn Pellagrino.
2) Approval of December minutes. Ken Arkind motioned, all seconded.
3) Allowed agenda changes to proceed to Jeff Spiegel.
4) Jeff Spiegel spoke on behalf of the Corinth Community Coalition accepting our offer of sharing our bottle return project. All members of the Conservation Committee agreed that we would alternate collection of the bottles etc monthly. We proposed a 50/50 financial return split which Kevin Eaton moved to run the proposal by the Town Treasurer. Jon Spanier motioned, all seconded.
5) There will be continued outreach efforts around the Act 171 project and biofinder.
6) Bottle schedule: 1/9 Glynn Pellegrino, 1/16 Jon Spanier, 1/23 Dutton Brill, 1/30 Brad Wheeler (Glynn to confirm Dutton and Brad).
7) Jon is working on CCC information the Corinth Quarterly Newsletter.
8) Kevin Eaton informed us that the Town Forest signs will be installed by Joe Blodgett.
9) Other business: Next meeting 2/1/2021.
11) Adjournment 7.58 pm by Kevin Eaton. All approved.

Respectfully,

Lindle M. Lawton-Sutton

Corinth Conservation Commission
February 1, 2021 @ 7 pm

Minutes

Present: Kevin B, Kevin E, Glynn, Ken & Jon

Absent: Linda, Lindle & Brad

1) Call to order @ 7:06 pm.

2) Approval of January Minutes: Jon moved; Kevin E seconded.

3) Agenda changes: none.

4) Public comment: none.

5) Treasurer's report: none.

6) Town Forest: Kevin E is checking sign locations; signs will be put up in the Spring.

7) Clement Loop Trail: Dartmouth & UVM are working together on an EAB research project; the loop is currently being logged with ash being the predominant tree taken out; Glynn will contact Anne McKinsey about putting a notice on the town website saying that the trails are closed until further notice.

8) Act 171 outreach: Ken would like to put up educational links, documents, pictures, etc. on the CCC website. The town pays Anne McKinsey 2 hrs ($45/hr) for 'town business' and it is possible that the time that Ken needs would fit within that; but possibly not. CCC members agreed to fund what the town didn't. Jon moved that **CCC pay up to $45 a month for Anne McKinsey to add educational content to the town website.** Kevin E seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CCC members were encouraged to familiarize themselves with BioFinder to help determine potential wildlife corridors within Corinth. Lindle (via Glynn) suggested that the CCC try to fill its open seat with someone who is computer savvy.

9) Bottles: February is the other CCC; March 6 is Ken. Glynn will check with the other CCC to make sure that they are on it; and, if not, will give us a heads up.

10) Town Meeting: tentatively set for May 25, presumably outside; no other details available.

11) Green Up Day: is on for May 1. Ken is trying to find a way for people to sign in online and requested CCC members think about logistics for that day, and consider various options - such as using

the library and/or the transfer station to publicize the event, having drop off spots around town vs the transfer station, and asking people to separate cans and bottles worth money.

12) Adjournment @ 7:52.

Corinth Conservation Commission
March 1, 2021 Minutes
7:00 PM Via free conference call
Call in number (602) 610-2091 access code 655653

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind, Kevin Eaton, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, and Kevin Buchanan

Absent: Bradley Wheeler

1) Call to order @ 7:03

2) Approval of February Minutes, amended to correct Anne McKinsey's agreement with the town.

3) Agenda changes - none

4) Act 171 education and outreach - Ken had previously emailed CCC members what he wished to put on the CCC website and all present thought it was great. Kevin E suggested adding a Headline that transitioned to the first sentence of Ken's presentation. All agreed and Ken and Anne will finalize the specifics.

5) Public comment - none

6) Green Up Day will be addressed next month

7) Transfer Station update - Glynn reported that 16-20 ft storage containers were available and all approved getting one so that we can have the garbage cans for bottles in the container, and then have Joanne lock them up if whoever was doing bottles that day could not be there when the transfer station closed.

8) Bottle duty: 3/6 Ken; 3/13 Kevin B; 3/20 Kevin E; 3/27 Glynn; 4/3 Dutton.
Linda and Kevin E agreed that future bottle checks should go to him.

9) Town Forest - Miranda Moody-Miller, representing the library, wished to increase kid usage of the forest. Kevin E and Glynn agreed to meet with her to coordinate it.

10) Conservation funding opportunity - Glynn received an email that he thought might be used to general funds for the CCC's Act 171 activities; and said that he would forward the email to CCCers.

11) Other business - none

12) Adjournment @ 7:40

Corinth Conservation Commission
April 5, 2021 Meeting Agenda
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall
Masks required

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind, Kevin Buchanan, Bradley Wheeler, Miranda Moody-Miller, Kimberly Hotelling

Absent: Linda Tobin, Kevin Eaton, Lindle Lawton-Sutton,

1) Call to order @ 7:05.

2) Approval of March minutes: Glynn motioned; Kevin seconded; all approved.

3) Agenda changes: none.

4) Public comment: see #5 Town Forest Story.

5) Town Forest Story walk program with library: Miranda and Kim's appearance, on behalf of the town library, was for two reasons: 1) to request the CCC's help for their upcoming (June) Story Walk; and 2) to offer to partner with the CCC on upcoming nature programs. As to their first request, it was decided that the CCC would help place temporary stakes along the Red Trail this year; and possibly permanent stakes next year. Brad volunteered to get stakes; and they will be put in at the same time as a trail clean up - on May 22 @ 9:30. As to Miranda and Kim's second request, CCC members unanimously agreed that it would be a good idea to partner with the library publicizing upcoming events, as it would be a more efficient way to get the word out to more people, among other reasons.

6) Green Up Day: Ken will be at the transfer station every Saturday to sign people up to specific roads and give out bottles; all are welcome to join him.

7) Act 171 follow up: part of Ken's presentation was cut out of the town Quarterly; but Ken will persist in getting the word out. He will also follow up with the town of Fairlee, which has been successful in securing conservation easements and discouraging development, without having specific zoning ordinances.

8) Town meeting: is on May 25.

9) Bottles: Jon will pick up bottles on 5/1.

10) Adjournment @ 8:40.

Corinth Conservation Commission
May 3, 2021 meeting agenda
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall
Masks required (meeting outside if possible)

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind, Kevin Buchanan, Bradley Wheeler, Linda Tobin, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Kimberly Hotelling

Absent: Kevin Eaton

1) Call to order @ 7:05

2) Approval of April minutes: Glynn motioned; Ken 2nd; unanimous pass

3) Agenda changes: move items #9 & #10 up to #4; Lindle moved; Ken 2nd; unanimous pass

4) Public Comment; 9) Town forest story walk and trail work day; and 10) CCC and Blake Memorial Library butterfly program. Representing the library, Kimberly discussed library programs of interest to the CCC: a) Bird Walk with Bill Sheppard on 5/15 @ 7:30 am; b) town forest work day 5/22 and story walk 6/5; c) Butterfly talk by Ken McFarland on 7/12; and d) Steve H. from Audubon presenting a talk or walk on managing forests for wildlife and bird habitat. The CCC agreed to help inform the public about all of these events; to split Bill Sheppard's $60 cost and pay the entirety of Ken McFarland's cost (about $300); to hold a forest trail cleanup day on 5/22, purchasing stakes and other supplies needed for the story walk; and to provide support when details of the bird talk become available.

5) Green Up Day follow up: new records were set; 243 bags; 45 tires; 53 people/groups; awards to be presented on 5/22 at town forest cleanup day with celebration afterwards at Ken's.

6) Vermont tree grant for transfer station: Ginny wrote and town received $1100 grant for the Transfer Station berm; 3 trees already purchased; CCC will provide assistance during a work day.

7) Corinth Community coalition bottle funds. Glynn motioned, Jon 2nd; unanimous pass of the following: precise calculation of bottle receipts will be done semi-annually in June and December and the CCC will give the CCC2 $300 in advance of the initial calculation.

8) Town orchard work day @ 9 am 5/8

11) Act 171 outreach continued: the next objective is to organize presentations by Vermont Natural Resources Council at Town Hall and outdoor tours of key Forest Block lands in Corinth. Work on the landowners tool kit providing information on conservation easements, Current Use, and legacy planning will also begin. The idea was suggested to organize this information in the Blake Memorial library for interested people to use and learn more about the how to protect Corinth's high priority forest blocks and wildlife corridors.

12) Bottle duty: 5/8 Lindle; 5/15 Linda; 5/22 Dutton; 5/29 Lindle

13) Adjournment @ 8:55

Minutes of Corinth Conservation Committee Meeting June 7th, 2021

Present: Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton, Linda Tobin, Lindle Sutton.

Not present: Glynn Pellegrino, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind, Brad Wheeler, Miranda Miller

1) 7.15 pm Meeting called to order by Lindle Sutton.
2) Approval of May minutes. Kevin Buchanan moved, Linda Tobin seconded.
3) Agenda changes – none.
4) Public comment – none.
5) Public programs – No one attended the Butterfly meeting. No other comment.
Re: Forest management. The CCC would like more specifics concerning our involvement.
6) Green / Natural Burials. This is an ongoing discussion.
7) Bottles – Linda Tobin will call the Redemption Center headquarters to inquire about payment. Kevin Eaton is arranging the July 3 pickup.
8) Other business: Next meeting 7/5/2021.
9) Adjournment 7.32 pm motioned by Kevin Buchanan, seconded by Linda Tobin. All approved.

Respectfully,

Lindle M. Lawton-Sutton

Corinth Conservation Commission
July 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind, Kevin Eaton, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Bradley Wheeler and Miranda Moody-Miller

Absent: Kevin Buchanan

1) Call to order @ 7:12

2) Approval of June minutes: done

3) Agenda changes: none

4) Public comment: none

5) Treasurer/ financials update: as of 6/30/21, CCC has $6319.38 in account and Town Forest account has $2802.98. Those numbers do not include $68.90 owed to Brad and half of the $657.10 from bottle collection. The CCC budget at the town meeting was given as $2700 - presumably $600 as normally requested and $2100 for bottle collection. The distinction between the two is important to keep as grants cannot be written without some money being given from the town. Kevin and Glynn will also inquire about separating the bottle account from the other CCC.

6) Educational programs with Blake Memorial Library: Butterflies on 7/12 @ 6:30. Linda, Brad and Miranda will go early to help set up; 8/9 Bird habitat/Forest Management.

7) Transfer station planting grant: trees and lilies were planted. $1368 was spent on the $1100 grant; motion was made (Ken, Lindle) and passed to pay the $268 back to Ginny Barlow, who covered the overage expense.

8) Bottle duty and signage for transfer station: 7/10 Lindle; 7/17 Jon; 7/24 Glynn; 7/31 Brad

9) Act 171 outreach program: education and outreach are the main goals; consciousness needs to be raised within the community; ultimately the library will house a collection of educational materials. Ken has a call in to a BioFinder expert and hopes he will come lecture. The CCC will discuss additional possible forums at the next meeting.

10) Town Forest parking and trail work: the possibility of putting a gravel parking area in the town forest was discussed, then tabled as members wished to visit the site.

11) Other business: none

12) Adjournment @ 8:52

Corinth Conservation Commission
August 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

DRAFT Minutes

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Miranda Moody-Miller, Kimberly Hotelling

Absent: Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan, Linda Tobin,

1) Call to order: @ 7:13

2) Approval of July minutes: Glynn motioned; Ken seconded; carried

3) Public comment: none

4) CCC and Blake Memorial Library program: Steve Hagenbuch from Audubon will give a talk 8/23 @ 6:30 on "Conserving Vermont's Forest's Birds". Glynn & Kim will show up at 5:45 to set up. Jon moved and Ken seconded a motion to provide up to $50 for snacks; Kim will send Ken a shortened version about Steve and the talk and Ken will post from the CCC while Kim posts from BML. The publicity will also include mention of Jens' 9/14 talk. Ken also suggested BML provide space for the CCC to leave pertinent materials at the library for the public to view; and he and Kim will work on setting that up.

5) FX Shea Town Forest proposal for parking lot creation: Jon presented the proposal; and after discussion the following Resolution was passed unanimously (motion made by Glynn and seconded by Miranda): **"It is resolved that the CCC approves the proposed 40 ft x 60 ft gravel parking area in the open space in front of the Kiosk."** The Kiosk will be moved into the second open area - which would become the new entrance into the forest, and which CCC members will help redesign after the parking area is completed.

6) Act 171 education program- Forest Blocks and Wildlife corridor protection: Ken will send his recent paper to Anne for posting on the CCC website. Ken and Kim will start publicizing Jens' 9/14 talk in a few weeks. Miranda volunteered to make posters for Jens' talk. Ken met with Ben Machin and Ben offered to give a talk on reconstructing streams in October. He also volunteered Redstart's computers for possibly a teaching session on BioFinder.

7) Bottle duty: 9/4 Kevin B if he is available

8) Other business: next meeting is Tuesday September 7 @ 7:30. **Note Date and Time difference** due to Labor Day being Monday, September 6.

9) Adjournment: @ 8:35

Corinth Conservation Commission
September 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
7:30 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Miranda Moody-Miller

Absent: Kevin Buchanan, Kevin Eaton

1) Call to Order @ 7:41

2) Approval of August minutes: Ken/Glynn and unanimous approval

3) Agenda changes: none

4) Public comment: none

5) Act 171 program: 9/14 Jens talk: setup at 5:45; Glynn & Lindle will provide refreshments. Ginny Barlow will give an outdoor talk on tree identification sometime in October. Ben Machin will give an outdoor presentation on 'Stream Woody Additions' in November. Ken showed CCRC stickers: Conserving Corinth's Rural Character. CCC approved up to $75 for 50 green on green stickers (Ken moved/Linda seconded).

6) Town Forest Parking Lot: Jon reported that UVLT approved the project, that the Town had a draft letter of agreement from a foundation willing to fund and that it was on the Select Board's Agenda for 8/13. Glynn said that SB Chair Cawley told him that they wanted the CCC to oversee the project. Jon agreed to talk with the SB Chair to find out town hiring protocols in similar situations. Further planning was discouraged until after the Town and the foundation signed an agreement.

6b) A bear destroyed the laminated Forest Trails Poster on the Town Forest Kiosk, so Ken will check with Dina and Kevin E about where they had the sign made.

7) Town Orchard signs, management: there are some apples at the Town Hall Orchard. Glynn will post a note in the LRN suggesting that people can pick the apples at their own risk.

8) Bottles: 9/11 Ken; 9/18 Jon; 9/25 Linda.

8b) Transfer Station Container: Joe B said to Glynn that a transfer station container was in the offing for about $100. All agreed that it should be placed in the same place as the cans currently are.

9) Other business: Glynn motioned and Jon seconded a reimbursement to Blake Memorial Library for $33.25; motion passed.

10) Adjournment @ 8:40

Minutes of Corinth Conservation Committee Meeting October 4th, 2021

Present: Glynn Pellegrino, Ken Arkind, Kevin Buchanon, Kevin Eaten, Linda Tobin, Lindle Sutton.

Not present: Jon Spanier, Miranda Miller.

Also present: Lee Porter, Joe Blodgett, Virginia Barlow, Brad Wheeler, Luke Campbell, Rick Cawley.

1) 7.07 pm Meeting called to order by Glynn Pellegrino.
2) Approval of September minutes. Ken Arkind motioned, Lindle Sutton seconded, all approved.
3) Agenda change: Ken Arkind introduced Luke Campbell as a potential CCC member.
4) Public comment: Ginny Barlow announced that she would like to step down from being the orchard head coordinator, but will still be very happy to help out. She also suggested that the bern at the dump needs "tidying up". We are exploring options.
5) Town forest parking location: Brad Wheeler is coordinating our wetland permit for access to the Shea Forest. Joe Blodgett provided the necessary information of the materials needed (8" stone, 3" stay pack, with a fabric underlining). Project length - two weeks, and start date to be when weather/road conditions allow. Additions to our bid may include a culvert and that compacting is necessary. All additions and changes will go back to the select board for approval.
6) Act 171 follow up: Ken Arkind discussed space at the Blake Memorial Library for CCC information, Biofinder, and other conservation education topics.
7) Programs: Oct 16th - Ginny Barlow will lead a tree identification walk in the Shea Forest. Ken Arkind is supplying cider and donuts.
   In December, there will be a Biofinder seminar hosted by CCC. Date and time TBA.
8) Bottles: Corinth Community Coalition's month.
9) Other business: Ken Arkind and Glynn Pellegrino brought up approaching Nancy Jones at The Space On Main for potential collaboration. Ken Arkind announced that he is stepping down as Green Up Day Coordinator.
10) Adjournment 8.50 pm by Glynn Pellegrino. All approved.

Respectfully,

Lindle M. Lawton-Sutton.

Minutes of Corinth Conservation Commission Committee Meeting, November 1st, 2021

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Jon Spanier, Linda Tobin, Lindle Sutton
Absent: Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan, Miranda Miller
Other attendees: Brad Wheeler, Rick Cawley, Luke Campbell

1) 7.05 Meeting called to order by Glynn Pellagrino.

2) Approval of October minutes: Glynn Pellagrino motioned, all approved.

3) Agenda changes: None.

4) Public comment: Rick Cawley informed us that the select board and the Foundation gave approval for the Shea Forest parking lot. Brad Wheeler told us that since the work was only being done in a "Third Class Wetland" no additional permits were needed.

5) Town Forest project: Glynn Pellagrino is writing out a construction bid plan and will send it to Rick Cawley for a legal review.

6) CCC membership recruitment policy. Glynn Pellagrino brought up having a formal recruitment policy, how to bring members in and one which is mindful of diversity.

7) Green Up Day: Ken Arkind inquired about recruitments.

8) Act 171 outreach/education: December 16th at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ben Machin and the Connecticut Conservancy will give a talk on "Stream Woody Additions" which is a method to improve stream health and help combat erosion.

9) Bottles: 11/6 Ken Arkind, 11/13 Linda Tobin, 11/20 Lindle Sutton, 1/27 Glynn Pellagrino.

10) Other business: None.

11) Adjournment: 8.25 pm.

Respectfully,

Lindle Lawton-Sutton.

Corinth Conservation Commission
December 6, 2021 meeting agenda
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall
Masks required

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind, Kevin Eaton, Kevin Buchanan

Absent: Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Luke Campbell and Miranda Moody-Miller

1) Call to order @ 7:12

2) Approval of November minutes: Glynn motioned; Linda seconded; all in favor

3) Agenda changes: add Treasurer's Report

4) Public comment: none

5) Educational programs: 12/16 details were finalized for both zoom and in-person event - unless covid conditions worsen. Ken is practicing with Nick this week. Jon will open Town Hall about 6; no food; masks required. Glynn suggested passing on Programs for the next few months, with the possible exception of a tracking session with Roots.

6) Town Forest parking lot update: only one request for info so far**.** Glynn will talk with Peter Phelps to see if he is interested in future plowing.

7) 2022 budget requested: Budget Committee accepted CCC requests of $200 for CCC & $400 for Green Up Day. Glynn is going to ask that Green Up Day be a separate line item in the future.

8) Green Up Day: nothing new

9) Bottles and Transfer station container: the CCC is splitting all costs (including the container shipping charges) and checks regarding the transfer station and bottles with the other CCC. Glynn will confirm this with the town treasurer. Kevin E will do bottles the first week in January

10) Treasurer's Report: the checks from the Redemption Center are finally going to Keven E. He received checks in the amount of $489.05 and $328.45. A $219.12 reimbursement was made to Ken for maps and stickers

11) Other business: Kevin E & Kevin B are resigning from the Committee, effective immediately - though both will be available to help in the future. Kevin E will remain as Treasurer until a replacement is found, and Glynn will check to see if he can remain as Treasurer without being a member of the Committee.

12) Adjournment @ 7:56