Corinth Conservation Commissioner
January 3, 2022 Meeting
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall
Masks Required

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Luke Campbell, Jon Spanier, Ken Arkind,

Absent: Linda Tobin and Miranda Moody-Miller

Guest: Ginny Barlow

1) Call to order @ 7:09

2) Approval of December minutes: Glynn motioned; Ken seconded; passed unanimously.

3) Agenda changes: none

4) Public comments: none

5) Tree grant opportunity: Ginny presented a $2,425 tree planting grant application, as follows: $1,000 would be provided by the state if the application is approved; about $825 would be provided pro bono by volunteers; and the CCC would provide the remaining funds - approximately $600. A motion was necessary to approve the CCC's contribution. Jon so moved and Lindle seconded that the CCC supply the funds necessary to complete the project; motion passed unanimously. The CCC will sign the application with Glynn being the contact person.

6) Town forest parking lot bids: CCC received two bids and unanimously accepted Ricker Excavation's bid of $17,750 (Glynn motioned; Ken seconded). The other bid was $43,982. Glynn will send the accepted bid to the Select Board and discuss next steps with Rick Cawley.

7) Educational programs follow up: the 12/16 talk was well received with about two dozen participants - half by zoom. The library has all of the equipment on a cart so zoom/in person combination meetings can be done more in the future. A March tracking walk was considered and Lindle will reach out to Brad Salon at Roots, Inc. to check on their availability.

8) Town Publications: Glynn submitted the CCC's report for the town's Annual Report; and Ken will submit again to the Corinth Quarterly.

9) New Members: CCC members were encouraged to bring names to the group to discuss; and Ken will post a request for interested volunteers to contact us in the LRN.

10) Bottles: 1/8 Luke; 1/15 Glynn; 1/22 Lindle; 1/29 Ken. Luke offered a lock for the bottle trailer and will give members the combination.

11) Other Business: Ken will post a request in the LRN for a Green Up day Coordinator. Glynn and Luke will set up a Zoom meeting for the CCC's February meeting.

12) Adjourned @ 8:08.

Corinth Conservation Commission
February 7, 2022
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:12pm
Present: Luke, Lindle, Ken, Glynn, Miranda
Community Members: Clara, Ellie, Travis, Josie, Catherine

Began with public comment and addressing community members in attendance and potential new members.

Community members shared why they were joining us and what interested them about the CC's work.
CC Members shared about themselves, what brings them to the CC, and what work we're doing that they're passionate about.

Glynn reviews the areas of focus and projects underway:
Green Up Day
Town Orchard
Town Forest
Trails and Trail Maintenance
Educational Programs
Act 171: Forest Blocks and Wildlife Corridors
Funding: Bottle Collection and Town Funds

Review of the most recent programs we've put on:
Act 171 - Conserving Corinth's Character
Red Start - Woody Debris
Nook at BML
Trees at Transfer Station and Fire Station

Ken shares that he will be passing off Green Up Day and is looking for someone to Partner in 2022 to eventually take it over.
Concern about large amounts of paint cans at various locations around town and the need to incorporate this cleanup as part of Green Up Day.

Need for Corinth to partner with Vershire and Fairlee re: Forest Blocks and the portion of Corridor our town holds connecting with theirs (one of the highest priority corridors in the state)

Upcoming:
Collaboration with Space on Main
Tracking Walk
Town Forest Parking Lot
Full Moon Snowshoe: Feb 18th 6:30 pm at Roaring Ridge Trail; March 18th 6:30 pm (or later?) at Town Forest - Luke will make fliers and post on LRN
Potential Gear Lending Library - to combine with BML - Miranda will Follow Up
Potential Forest Block/Wildlife Corridor Road Signage

Discussion of what services the Town is providing for support in constructing the parking lot.
Discussion of what services the Town might provide for winter events in the Town Forest - Miranda will follow up

Topsham and Washington and Orange don't have Conservation Commissions - what this could mean for Forest Block/Wildlife Corridor Protection
How might we support them?

Stay Tuned for a Town Meeting date announcement.

Concerns about waste disposal, etc: Contact Brad Wheeler

Corinth Conservation Commission
March 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Linda Tobin, Luke Campbell, Miranda Moody Miller, Katharine Lea
Absent: Lindle Lawton-Sutton.

1) Call to order 7:08
2) Approval of February minutes, Glynn moved Linda seconded minutes accepted as written, motion passed unanimously.
3) Agenda changes: Ken added a request to discuss proposals for the town covid funds, suggested a gazebo for the town forest.
4) Public comment: Katharine Lea returned for the meeting and is interested in joining the CCC.
5) New members: Katharine Lea, was present and expressed her interest in joining the conservation commission. All members were in favor and welcomed her interest and will inform the select board we would endorse her being appointed. The other interested residents were invited to return for the March meeting if interested but haven't replied yet. We currently still have two open positions on the commission.
6) Tracking Walk: It was decided that due to the delay in getting information out we will not hold a tracking walk this winter.
7) Green Up Day: Ken put together a list and timeline for tasks that need to be done for Green Up Day. And since no one has come forward so far to take on being the coordinator for the town next year, Glynn made a motion that a Green Up Day committee be formed within the Conservation Commission to oversee and share the duties of Green Up Day. Linda seconded, the motion was approved unanimously. Green Up Day is May 7th. Ken said bags should arrive in April. Ken has broken down the tasks into three categories, a) Publicity b) Logistics c) Competition Program.
Ken will start with publicity and Miranda will take over in April. Luke can help with distribution of bags. Ken will start putting the map for signing up for roads in the town hall, library and we will have an online sign up. Further duties will be organized at the next meeting.
8) Treasurer and secretary positions: Glynn noted that since Kevin Eaton has left we need a new official treasurer and also a secretary. Glynn volunteered to take minutes and will get a balance from town treasurer Dick Kelly for next meeting.
9) Act 171 no new information we briefly discussed having a joint program with other conservation commissions.
10) Town Forest Parking Lot: Glynn has received the agreement back from Ricker Excavation. Bill Ricker had discussed with Glynn changing the size of the culvert and it was agreed we would increase it to 24" and Glynn would contact Joe at the highway department to see about purchasing it through them. Bill said it may increase the price some and Glynn agreed and said the Town Forest has funds that would cover the increase. The project should be ready to begin as soon as the road is passable. The site of the lot will need to be re-staked in the spring before work begins.
11) Town Orchard spring work day: Glynn spoke with Ginny Barlow about an orchard work day in early April/ May. The CCC will organize, Ginny will arrange for mulch and compost. A date still needs to be set.
12) Trail work day: It was decided that we would have a trail work day at the town forest after the parking lot project is completed and combine it with the Green Up Day awards, no date was set.
13) Bottles: Luke 3/7, Ken 3/12, Dutton 3/19, Glynn 3/26.
14) Other business: Ken brought up the letter that went to residents requesting suggestions for projects to use the money the town received for covid-19 recovery. He thought some kind of covered shelter at the town forest, such as a gazebo would be a good project. He encouraged others to make suggestions too.

15) Adjournment: 8:45.

Respectfully submitted by Glynn Pellagrino

Corinth Conservation Commission
April 4,2022 meeting minutes
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Ken Arkind, Katharine Lea
Public: Travis Gendron
Absent: Luke Campbell, Miranda Moody-Miller, Linda Tobin

1) Meeting called to order at 7:03.
2) Approval of March minutes, Glynn moved, Katharine seconded, accepted as written.
3) Public comment: Travis Gendron was present and would like to join the CCC. All present were in favor and he will submit a request to be appointed to the select board. Glynn will notify the select board that we endorse his appointment.
4) No Agenda changes
5) Town Orchard work day, we set the date for April 30th at 10:00 Am to do spring maintenance. Glynn will put a notice in the LRN and let Ginny know to order mulch and compost.
6) Green Up Day: Glynn, Lindle and Katharine, handed out bags at the transfer station last Saturday, Ken will be there this Saturday and welcomes any help. Lindle and Katharine can do the Saturday of 4/16 and Luke and Travis will also help. The map will be at the library Monday to Wednesday and at the town hall until Friday. Travis volunteered to make a Green Up Day poster. Luke has signed on more vendors for the raffle tickets so we will split the tickets 3/vendor. Ken mentioned that there is a limit of 6 tires per person on Green Up Day. Ken is still doing the publicity on the LRN and updating the map for the town website, where you can also sign up for a road online. We only have one box of bags left.
7) Glynn updated everyone on the FX Shea Town Forest parking lot project. Everything is on schedule as soon as the road posting is lifted and the road is passable. We need to go out and check the boundry of the lot location before then.
8) Fire station tree grant was awarded. Ginny Barlow has ordered the three trees for delivery and spoken with members of the fire department about planting the trees on April 23rd.
9) Act 171 updates. The Vermont legislature is working on legislation to strengthen protection of forest blocks and wildlife corridors in planning and development which will help town protect those areas. Ken said we may be able to be part of the state studying how that process will work. It was suggested that we try and meet with the planning commission about these new developments and maybe have Jens Hilke from Fish and Wildlife back to speak.
10) Glynn gave an update on our financials from numbers he got from the town treasurer. The Town forest has $2802.98 not including the $20.000 grant for the parking lot and the CCC has $6874.08.
11) Other business: Work needs to be done to the birm plantings in front of the transfer station and the trees need to be tended to.
12) Meeting adjourned at 8:45, Glynn moved Katharine seconded.

Submitted by Glynn Pellagrino

Corinth Conservation Commission
May 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Luke Campbell, Travis Gendron, Katharine Lea

Absent: Miranda Moody-Miller

1) Call to Order @ 7:04

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

3) Agenda changes: none

4) Public comment: none

5) Report on GreenUp Day- Best one ever! 305 bags collected! 64 people participated! 39 tires collected! Unknown weight- Ken will find out. Mark Nielson won Taste of Corinth basket with 44 bags. Ravenwood won group plaque at Shea Town Forest with 18 bags. Luke and Ken will put together basket and make gift certificates. Raffle Tickets were drawn and Ken and Luke will contact winners. Ken will do wrap up posts for listserve and FPF.

6) Town Forest Parking Lot: Glynn will check on timing for parking lot with Bill Ricker. Shooting for June 4th for plaque/ prize presentation. Trail workday may be the same day.

7) Town Orchard signs- want a permanent sign at the orchard. Need to get pricing.

8) Berm at Transfer Station- need to set up a workday and decide on plantings. Need bushes, wildflowers. CCC members have some to donate. KL will ask for leftovers from BML plant sale. Need help watering/ planting- KL will contact WRVS if some classes/ students might be interested.

9) Act 171- House and Senate passed VT 606 which states 30% land conserved by 2030 and 50% by 2050. Still being reviewed by governor. If it passes, the CCC would like to be part of the planning process. Planning Commission and CCC would need to meet together to discuss forest corridors. Ken will follow up if the bill passes.

10) New Business: Sign needed for container at bottle recycling to explain what can be donated and where proceeds go. Travis will talk to Mr. Priestly and get basic pricing. Sign hanging from inside would be ideal.

11) Bottles: Before Saturday Ken; 14th Glynn; 21st Luke; 28th Lindle.

10) Adjournment @ 8:20

Corinth Conservation Commission
June 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Luke Campbell, Travis Gendron, Katharine Lea

Absent: Miranda Moody-Miller

1) Call to Order @ 7:10

2) Approval of April minutes: Glynn/ Katharine and unanimous approval

3) Agenda changes: none

4) Public comment: none

5A) Report on new parking lot at Town Forest- looks "wicked good"! Total invoice from Bill Ricker - $19,755 w/ credit $2,430 for in-kind work from Town (hauling gravel). Total was $17,325 compared to estimate of $18,650. Glynn/Ken recommended reimbursing $17,325 for parking lot work from grant funding. Unanimous approval. Suggestion of earmarking remainder of grant funds for plowing for winter to test usage of forest. Tabled for further discussion.

5B) Town Forest Work Day report: Lookout sign tree has fallen on Orange trail- need drill for sign relocation. Big leaner on Red Trail. Chainsaw needed on Blue Trail. Discussion of more signage for Town Forest- perhaps on paved roads at Cookeville and Brooks Rd.

6) Berm at Transfer Station- Marian and Ginny tidied; need to set up a workday. Katharine spoke with Carlotta at WRVS and they are interested in a partnership/ community project in fall. Luke will weed-whack in the meantime.

7) Clement Loop Trail- Need to reestablish trail. June 18th- 9:30am reconnaissance to determine needs.

8) Act 171- House and Senate passed VT 606, was vetoed by governor. Next meeting CCC will review Corinth Forest Block/ Conservation plan to determine local action options.

9) Sign for recycling trailer: Travis couldn't get response from local signmakers. Glynn to reach out to other CCC for partnership- they may have people with time/ talent for creating signage- otherwise we'll resort to ordering online.

10) Bottles: not our month/before next meeting: July 2- Miranda? (Glynn to confirm) July 9th- Katharine. Next meeting falls on July 4; reschedule to July 11th.

11) New Business: Amy Peberdy is organizing a restart to Swap Shop, located at Transfer Station. Discussion next month about how to support. (funding)

12) Adjournment Glynn/ Luke @ 8:23.

Corinth Conservation Commission
July 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Luke Campbell, Katharine Lea (partial)

Absent: Travis Gendron, Miranda Moody-Miller

Public: Ginny Barlow, Dina Dubois, Dan Wing

1) Call to Order @ 7:17pm

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

3) Agenda changes: add watering of trees at Fire Station.

4) Public comment: Ginny, Dina, and Dan expressed concern about the full mowing of Town Orchard/ meadow and bank at Town Hall as it reduces privacy and reduces habitat for birds and pollinators. Glynn noted Norm Collete had mowed but he was unsure who had directed him to do so, or who had paid for the job. Glynn believes the selectboard may have directed the mowing. The CCC members agreed the meadow being unmown was good for pollinators and supported leaving the meadow unmown with paths to the mown orchard, but noted the issue was really up to the selectboard or Town Hall maintenance team, or whomever had directed the mowing. Glynn noted a sign for the orchard was in the works. Dina also recommended posting agenda/ meeting times on lrn for the public and Ginny noted concerns with the state of the berm at Transfer Station. CCC noted they were planning to work with WRVS in fall to plant perennials at the Transfer Station.

5) Clement Loop Trail- Travis, Lindle, Glynn, and Katharine hiked what was left after logging and believe re-establishing a trail is doable. Lindle to follow up with researchers and ask them about a research presentation to publicize the trail/ land and inform residents about the research stations.

6) FX Shea Forest- still need to visit with chainsaws, etc. Katharine will follow up with Joe regarding new signage for paved roads. Glynn reported ATVs may be an ongoing issue- signage may be needed.

7) Glynn confirmed Fire Station trees purchased by CCC will be watered by the volunteer fire fighters. It was noted as the CCC develops more projects in various locations that it is impossible for the members to maintain all the projects without the Town's help.

8) Corinth Forest Block/ Conservation – Ken presented software solution that also identifies parcel ownership of priority forest/ connectivity blocks. CCC to email internally to determine how to manage data and utilize spreadsheets to identify key parcels and plan for local action options.

9) Sign for recycling trailer: Glynn reached out to other CCC for potential signage creation but they cannot help. Ken will order a sign that will be neither artistic nor local but will convey the information.

10) Bottles before next meeting: July 16- Ken, July 23- Travis, July 30- Luke.

11) Adjournment Glynn/ Luke @ 9:08pm.

Corinth Conservation Commission
August 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Katharine Lea (partial)

Absent: Luke Campbell, Travis Gendron, Miranda Moody-Miller

1) Call to Order @ 7:12pm

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

3) Agenda changes: add discussion of Transfer Station beautification

4) Public comment: none.

5) Act 171 Opportunities: CCC discussed Carbon Capture Benefits to forest parcels more than 30%. Ken talked with Marcus at Redstart, who stated Redstart is familiar with the project and is working with clients on enrolling land. He will give a presentation later in the year. It was agreed to do scout work on potential conservation opportunities of 30 acres or more in the High Priority Forest blocks so owners can be specifically targeted with mailed invitations to the talk on the financial benefits of conserving land through the program. Meeting likely to be in mid-October.

6) Town Orchard, mowing, signs, care. Mowing was discussed. It was agreed that it was preferable if Dean Gregoropolis could continue to mow the orchard, leaving the butterfly meadow with paths for owner privacy. Glynn has not been able to reach him. Katharine will try as well. Signs need to be ordered, as well as baskets organized for drops.

7) Clement Loop Trail- Lindle followed up with researchers to ask them about a research presentation to publicize the trail/ land and inform residents about the research stations. They will be coming into town monthly to monitor their research stations and are happy to have the trail reinstated but would like CCC members to hike the potential trail with them to review any impacts to their research stations. Dates will be set up via email, with a possible presentation of research in Nov/ Dec.

8) Bottles and signs- Ken is following up with the local sign maker that was on the Full Vermonty podcast to see about a sign. Relocation of the previous sign from the old Transfer station was also discussed. Bottle- Glynn September 3, Katharine September 10, Ken September 17, Lindle September 24.

9) Transfer Station beautification: Katharine noted that Ginny reached out to Barbara Soros of the Corinth Society of Gardeners about the project and the CSoG is willing to take on the design and some implementation but will need some funding and is eager for donations of perennials from CCC as well. When WRVS is back in session, the plan is to get all parties together to review plan and set up planting/ maintenance workdays. Katharine will reach out to CSoG to find out how much funding they need.

10) Glynn is wrapping up the grant information for the Oak trees at the Fire Station including the in-kind donations of time/ labor/ etc. Final numbers to follow.

11) Adjournment Glynn/ Lindle @ 9:17pm.

Corinth Conservation Commission
September 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Luke Campbell, Katharine Lea (not a quorum)

Absent: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Travis Gendron, Miranda Moody-Miller

1) Call to Order @ 7:09pm

2) Approval of July minutes: Lindle/ Luke and unanimous approval

3) Agenda changes: none.

4) Public comment: Chris Doyle, to discuss Clement Loop Trail- Lindle is meeting Kevin Evans from Dartmouth probably on Wednesday and will coordinate with Chris. Chris has restored some of the trail and the CCC just needs to confirm what areas we can use without having a negative impact on Dartmouth/ UVMs research. There will be a talk in Nov/ Dec about research. Chris noted the town website may still note the trail as open, which ought to be updated while it's in limbo.

5) Transfer Station beautification: Katharine will send out an email documenting request for money from Garden Society to the whole CCC for voting/ discussion/ approval. Preliminary budget includes willow trees, edging and landscape fabric to fight back weeds for future pollinator garden, 3 yards of mulch, etc, and is approximately $650. CsoG will be doing most of the manpower.

6) Act 171 Opportunities: Ken has delayed the talk with Marcus at Redstart. Lindle has started to identify potential conservation opportunities of 30 acres or more in the High Priority Forest blocks so owners can be specifically targeted with mailed invitations to the talk on the financial benefits of conserving land through the program.

7) Town Orchard, No update. Signs need to be ordered, as well as baskets organized for drops.

8) Katharine reported Joe from the city said the signs for the Town Forest were about $20 each, and if we wanted two, we just needed to order them- there isn't much leadtime now. Vote to await a quorum.

9) Bottles and signs- Katharine needs to do Sept 10 as she was confused about dates/ other CCC will have October.

10) Adjournment Luke/ Lindle @ 7:38pm.

Corinth Conservation Commission
October 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Luke Campbell, Katharine Lea

Absent: Travis Gendron, Miranda Moody-Miller

1) Call to Order @ 7:04pm

2) Approval of September minutes: Lindle/ Katharine, unanimous approval

3) Public comment: Marcus Bradley, to discuss programs paying for carbon capture for forest acreage. Multiple companies buy credits from the northeast, but there are many nuanced issues- reduction of logging requires more imported wood products, which runs risk of importing of invasive wood pests. It was agreed a public talk would be beneficial, but Marcus cannot schedule anything until January.

4) A bull got into the Town Orchard and took down a fruit tree and multiple branches, which need to be sawn off and removed, and one tree needs to be replaced. The mowing issue is also not resolved.

5) Forest Conservation: Lindle and Ken started to identify potential conservation opportunities in the High Priority Forest blocks so owners can be targeted with invitations to the talk on the financial benefits of conserving land through the program. They have sections 1-3; others- sign up for a section.

6) Clement Loop Trail- Lindle met with Kevin Evans from Dartmouth. Most of trail is usable; needs markers/ No Motorized Vehicle signage. Kevin recommended Tony D'Amato give a lecture; Lindle will follow up. Luke has also heard from Eva and Amelia, researchers who are willing to discuss their projects in Nov. or Dec. Lindle/Ken moved to allot up to $100 for signage, passed unanimously.

7) Transfer Station beautification: Garden Society is requesting money for willow trees, edging and landscape fabric, 3 yards of mulch, etc, Glynn/ Katharine moved to allot up to $600 for materials. It was noted this was about 2 quarters of payments from the bottle refunds, and a sign noting it was courtesy of the bottle funds should be included. Garden Society to install. 4 ayes/ 1 nay, motion passed.

8) Glynn reported that WRVS was interested in partnering for a tracking program with Roots. Glynn to contact Roots to find out more about potential schedule/ cost.

9) Treasurer report: Lindle reported Conservation Commission has $8420.10, with $2802.98 in the Shea Town Forest fund.

10) Katharine reported the signs for the Town Forest were about $20 each. Katharine/ Glynn moved to spend money to install signs on Brooks and in Cookeville Center, passed unanimously.

11) Association of Conservation Commissions has statewide meeting October 15th. No one available.

12) Bottles- Glynn will talk to Dutton about November 5.

13) Adjournment Luke/ Glynn @ 8:47pm.

Corinth Conservation Commission
November 7, 2022 meeting minutes
Call to order at 7:08 PM
Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Luke Campbell, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Travis Gendron, Miranda Moody-Miller. Absent: Katharine Lea.
Public: Barry Shaw.

Approval of October minutes, Glynn moved Ken 2nd. Unanimus.
Agenda changes: Ken added Green Up Day coordinator, Luke added the Clement Loop trail research presentation.

Public comment: Barry Shaw came to observe a meeting and also wanted to discuss the Pike Hill mine clean up project. The CCC hasn't taken a position on the mine clean up project.

Transfer station: Bottle container, sign and painting, and berm planting. Glynn has been coordinating with the Corinth Community coalition on a mural painting project and sign painting for the container. Glynn also put down a piece of plywood to cover the rotted floor in the back of the container. The berm planting has almost been completed. Lindle has two bills from the Society of Gardeners for the project, one for $146.05 and another for $386.95, they have been submitted to the town treasurer for payment.

Clement Loop Trail: Lindle along with John Sutton, Anne Margolis and Chris Doyle and Ken Arkind put up new trail markers on what is left of the Clement Loop Trail. There is more logging being done in the area so further marking will have to wait. Lindle said we needed more markers. Glynn moved that we authorize $50.00 to purchase more markers, Ken 2nd the motion was approved. Lindle will order more of them. Glynn will send a note to Anne Mckinsey about putting a note on the town website that the trail area is still actively being logged.
Luke said that Eva Legge couldn't make the meeting tonight to present information on the research being done on the Clement Loop land that Dartmouth College and UVM are conducting. Luke will reach out to her about doing a presentation in December for the CCC and the public. Lindle will check with Kevin Evans from Dartmouth about talking about the research project.

Forest Blocks and wildlife corridors: Glynn identified a few parcels in the south east corner of town that have potential to be important to protect. Ken is continuing to research the new options that have become available from forest foundations to keep forest land intact. It seems too soon to tell how well they might work. The state is also looking at way to encourage keeping forests intact with current use.

Bottles: Glynn did 11/5. There is still large pile of bottles waiting to be processed. Ken will do 11/12, Lindle took 11/19 and Miranda will do 11/26.

Green Up Day coordinator. Ken may not be around in March and we need to find a new coordinator. Ken has done an outstanding job for the last five years. The CCC currently is working as a group to cover the tasks for Green Up Day but we all agree we need a central coordinator. We will continue to search and list the opening on the LRN and Front Porch Forum.

Tracking Walk: Glynn had contact with Brad from the Roots School and will schedule a tracking walk for March 11th. Glynn also asked the Roots school about doing something at the WRVS again. The CCC agreed to help fund this activity again. Miranda mentioned that she thought the WRVS might have some funds for outdoor education they could use. She will check on that.
Adjournment: 8:45 PM.

Corinth Conservation Commission
December 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
7:00 PM Corinth Town Hall

Present: Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Lindle Lawton-Sutton, Luke Campbell, Katharine Lea

Speaker: Eva Legge; Greenup Coordinator: Anne McKinsey; Absent: Travis Gendron, Miranda Moody-Miller

1) Call to Order @ 7:10pm

2) Approval of September minutes: Glynn, Ken, unanimous approval

3) Public comment: Barry Shaw, Brad Wheeler to listen to Eva's research discussion

4) Eva presented on Clement Loop Trail research. There are many various projects up there and Tony D'Amato will talk about many of them when he gives his public talk. Her project is on Mycorrhizal-Mediated Silvaculture, researching Arbuscular (AM) and Ectomycorrhizal (EcM) fungi to see if the previous trees in a clearing (and their associated fungi) can affect the health of new seedlings. This is important for adaptive silvaculture, to help forests deal with climate change. Public talk will be scheduled for February.

5) GreenUp Coordinator: Anne McKinsey is taking over the reins from Ken- the process was discussed, along with potential streamlining ideas. We will meet next with Anne in Feb to get started.

6) Mural Project at Transfer Station: This will be discussed at Selectboard meeting. Bid was over $3000. It was agreed CCC could contribute, but not fund it. A sign for the trailer was discussed, as this is where the mural project idea started. It was decided to purchase a sign explaining it was only for VT deposit bottles/ cans, and money benefits us and Corinth Comm. Coalition. Ken to prepare a draft.

7) Town Forest Signs- Katharine spoke with Joe Blodgett and he is ordering the signs for installation and will bill us.

8) Transfer Station beautification: Garden Society has finished Fall phase, with weeding, installation of 40 year weed barrier w/ steel staples and edging, planting 2 willows, adding irises and daylilies, Dean Gregoropolis excavated the street side & added compost donated by Limlaw family, seeded berm with pollinator wildflowers & covered with straw. Joe/ Town plowers know not to damage the work for the winter. Thank you to Barbara Soros and Liz Davis for heading up the volunteer effort! All reimbursements have been received.

9) Budget meeting with town - requested $200 for the Conservation Commission and $400 for Green Up Day.

10) Discussed bottles, but Comm. Coalition has December, so tabled til Jan meeting.

11) Conference call/ Zoom meeting option requested for Jan/ Feb to accommodate some traveling members.

12) Adjournment Glynn/ Luke @ 8:45pm.