Corinth Conservation Commission
December 2, 2024 meeting APPROVED minutes

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

Call to Order: 7:04 PM.
Land Acknowledgment
Approval of November minutes: Glynn moved, Ken seconded. Minutes approved.
Public comment: none.

Budget committee meeting: Glynn and Ken attended. We requested $200.00 for the CCC. And we requested that Green Up Day funds be moved to its own line item in the town budget. It was agreed that GUD should be moved to the town solid waste account. Anne McKinsey was present to address funds for GUD and also agreed that GUD should have a separate budget line from the CCC for clarity of expenses. $700.00 was proposed for GUD expenses.

Forest Block Education: Glynn reported that Jens from VTFW was not available to do a program for us. Ken suggested Mike Snyder who was a former head of the VT Forests, Parks and Recreation Department and now runs his own business promoting Vermont recreational tourism. Ken will try and reach out to him. Other possible organizations include From the Ground Up. Lindle will contact Liz Thompson with that group. One of the land trusts might be another option but conserving land is only one aspect of protecting forests. Glynn suggested we might be able to put something on ourselves. He also thought we should involve other surrounding towns that have linking forests. We looked at dates at the end of January or in February. It was agreed that a daytime program would be best.

Town Orchard Management: Lindle connected with Luise about writing up a description of an orchard management position. Luise said she is happy to manage the orchard. She said she already does the pruning and advises on fertilizing. She is happy to have an assistant she can supervise that can keep up on other tasks, like signs and picking up drops. We will put a post on the LRN for the position.

Treasurer report: We are still working on clarifying individual item expenses from the town. The town's monthly report doesn't break down each expenditure. And we still need numbers for bottle income. Glynn reported that at the budget meeting Susan Fortunati said the CCC had a total of $11,000+ in the combined accounts including the town forest account.

Clement Loop Trail: Glynn suggested we do a trail work day. Item was tabled for next meeting. Will do it in spring.

Other business: Ken mentioned that the planning commission was bringing the subdivision by-law changes to the select board meeting next week. We haven't seen the new language. We discussed the merits and issues with the use of the subdivision law as a tool for protecting forests blocks. We didn't think it was a good way to approach the lack of zoning regulations in town. Glynn mentioned that the changes to Act 250 passed last year may be more helpful for protecting forest blocks. Town buy in was important.

Bottles: Luise will do 1/4. We will assign the other Saturdays at the next meeting.

Adjourned: 8:45, Glynn moved, Ken seconded.