Corinth Conservation Commission Approved Minutes

January 19, 2026

Present- Glynn Pellagrino, Lindle Sutton, Luke Campbell, Emily Marsh, Joyce Powzyk (new member), Jeff and Sandy Speigel, Ken Arkind (Phone), Luise Graf

Meeting started at 7:06 pm

Land Acknowledgement

Minutes from December approved

Public Comment-

Jeff Spiegel has an update from the Community Coalition Project regarding doing another mural involving school children and Matt Denton as the muralist. The original was moved to the school as the materials used were not weather resistant. The new mural also involves local artists Kathy Chapman, Amy Peberdy and Pinky Vaughn who finalized the design and was among those who decided it will be environmentally themed. The Hanover COOP has donated $2,000 toward the project and so far panels have been primed. Pat Butler (head custodian at the WRS) will assist in setting up the murals at the school, twenty feet long and eight feet high. A date will be set in April for the public to come in and assist in painting the mural. Later another date will be set to hang at the transfer station and the Community Coalition would be requesting The Journal Opinion be there to do an article.

Jeff also mentioned setting up a space in the transfer station trailer to drop off canned goods and/or non persishable items etc as a food bank type thing to be picked up every Saturday and dropped off to the food shelf in Topsham and Bradford. The Community Coaltion is looking to purchase shelving as well for the project.

Jeff and Sandy Spiegel also mentioned setting up a possible plaque regarding the land acknowledgement as they thought it would more of an action instead of just doing an acknowledgement. Jeff gave out a handout regarding this proposal and mentioned a book called, Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists, and the Ecology of New England. Luke proposed the CCC assist in getting the plaque to fruition to erect at the Town Forest in cooperation with the Community Coaltion. Luke will research further the materials needed for the plaque.

Mary updated the CCC regarding the Bath NH project noting an email was sent to their Conservation Commission looking to work out a time and place to meet to discuss further. Jeff and Sandy Spiegel mentioned Simone Whitecloud, an ethnobiologist and Bruce Duthu, Professor and Chair of Native American Studies at Dartmouth College as possible resources for the project as well. They are both very knowledgeable about the Abenaki and other tribes.

CC Potluck-

There is a list going around for a potluck gathering on February 19 (Thursday) from 6-8pm. with surrounding towns at the Thetford Community Center. CCC members encouraged to attend

Beaver Talk-

Sunday January 22 at 2 pm at the Blake Memorial Library. CCC members encouraged to attend.

New Member-

Joyce Powzyk is recently retired from teaching having studied Animal Behavior. She has a letter all set to go to the Select Board and all present approved Joyce becoming a new member.

CCC Fund-

At our last meeting we discussed how to create a conservation fund including a handout given to members present by Ken Arkind. Tonight we needed to discuss the details of management of such a fund. Majority present felt it was a little daunting, interest for sure but unsure of time commitment. Discussed talking further with towns who have a conservation fund at the potluck in February. Glynn suggested putting it on the agenda and to contemplate further at our next meeting.

February Bottles-

Emily- February 7

Lindle- February 14

Joyce- February 21

Luise- February 28

Other Business- None

Adjournment- 8:16 pm