July 20, 2026

Corinth Conservation Commission Minutes

Present- Glynn Pellagrino, Ken Arkind, Emily Marsh, Lindle Sutton, Luke Campbell, Mary Kent

Missing- Joyce Powzyk, Luise Graf

Call to Order at 7:07 pm by Glynn

Land Acknowledgement by Glynn

Glynn moved to approve June Minutes, approved by all present

Agenda Changes-

Jennifer Byrne from the White River NRCD joining us on the phone. Jennifer advised she is a staff member with 5 elected officials, but not on the ballot. The reason for districts back in the 30's was to check soil erosion so the federal government suggested developing districts so the local's voices could be heard. They can meet with individual farmers/landowners to assist with conservation planning, grants, and to be the voice for the people more or less. The funding for this program is mostly dependent on grants and they are able to share grants for the different towns. Two examples would be, watershed and culvert projects. The districts annually hold surveys, and assist with anything related to conservation and are a mechanism underutilized in Vermont. Glynn asked if they do anything with wetlands for towns. Jennifer advised there are people that could come out to assist as well as help landowners with grants.

Glynn also asked Jennifer about Act 181/250 changes, the maps and Corinth's Planning Commission and would the White River NRCD be involved in something like that? Jennifer advised, no but would play more of a role in assisting on a farm by farm basis for example, working more with individuals. Jennifer did advise she would be happy to come out for any educational forums in the near future if any interest.

Public Comment- None

Clement Loop Trail Maintenance-

Went well, there were approximately 6 people there. Glynn and Emily from the CCC plus four others. There is still some logging going on there so some bushwhacking was needed which was similar to last year. Glynn suggested going forward, to maybe do trail maintenance in the Fall. Lindle suggested talking with the Dartmouth folks to see when they may be done logging.

Conservation Project with the WRVS-

Carlotta sent an email to Mary and cc'd to Erica Thompson (first grade teacher at the WRVS) advising she has been working with the OESU this summer and due to adding new programs to the curriculum, the August 19th workshop will need to be rescheduled as that date will be needed for the additional programs being added. Mary responded to Erica in the email requesting to work together toward a new date and get a number of staff able to attend. Mary also advised VT Fish and Wildlife of the workshop being cancelled and once she hears of a new date will be in touch to see of VT F/W's availability.

Act 181 follow up-

Lindle advised they are still working on rule changes and Glynn mentioned they are still doing informational hearings. The road rule and tier 3 were repealed and the Agency of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Agriculture dept, and the land use review board ultimately write the rules which would then go back to a vote.

Town Plan and TROC Regional Plan-

There are plans to put out another survey in the near future with more pointed questions.

Treasurer Report-

Lindle advised we roughly have $11,000 in CCC funds. Somehow Green Up Day got blended in with our account and Lindle is still waiting to hear from Kelly Ann on exact amounts. Lindle will also be talking with Anne McKInsey to get some Green Up day answers as well.

Corinth Conservation Commission Facebook Page-

Under Construction by Luke and coming along

EAB-

To be discussed further at the next meeting.

ANR Protected Lands Database-

Emily's husband, Brian will attend next meeting to assist on helping with accessing the database.

Bottles-

August 1- Ken

August 8- Glynn

August 15- Mary

August 22- Joyce

August 29- Emily

*** Ken Arkind has sadly resigned from the CCC after 10 years. Thank you Ken for all your hard work and dedication to the Corinth Conservation Commission. You will be missed but we accept your offer to volunteer for different activities when available.

Adjournment- 8:37 pm