

Corinth Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)
February 7, 2011

Present: Earl Adams, Stephen Long, Anne Margolis, Frank Roderick, Ginny Barlow, Shari Tkac.

Ginny Barlow chaired the meeting, which came to order at 7:05.

- 1) Minutes from January 3, 2011 meeting were approved with one correction. The date of the meeting was corrected to January 3.
- 2) Shari delivered a payment of \$399 for bottle returns from East Corinth General Store. Ginny will deposit the proceeds with the Treasurer.
- 3) Schedule for picking up bottles at the transfer station
 - February 12 Steve
 - February 19 Ginny
 - February 26 Shari
 - March 5 Earl
 - March 12 Frank
- 4) Schedule for staffing the Cookeville Mall
 - February 12 Ginny
 - February 19 Anne
 - February 26 Martha (Ginny will notify her)
 - March 5 Earl
 - March 12 Ginny
- 5) Programs

Scott Darling of VT Fish & Wildlife did a presentation on bats on January 21 at the Town Hall. It was very well-received. More than 40 people attended.

The Susan Morse program scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 2, had to be postponed due to weather. It was rescheduled for Thursday, Feb 17.

The morning and afternoon tracking sessions with Sue Morse were held as scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 5. There was a waiting list for both sessions and reports from both groups were enthusiastic. There was an article in the Valley News about the event.

Mark Breen from the Fairbanks Museum will do a program on Weather Lore at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Ginny will do a poster and get it to Shari for delivery.

- 6) Dan Wing has submitted a proposal to the Vermont Energy Climate Action Network (VECAN). The New England Grassroots Environment Fund is operating this program for VECAN. The application is for a feasibility study on development of a solar array that would be jointly owned by shareholders. Anne said that there has not yet been a group net metering project in Vermont, and this would be breaking new ground.
- 7) Town Forest. The Selectboard has established a committee to oversee the management of the town forest and will appoint members at their February 14th meeting. Progress continues on the transaction. Upper Valley Land Trust has amended the conservation easement in two ways: it guarantees public access in perpetuity, and it removes the possibility of building a house on the property. The amendment has not yet been finalized.
- 8) Green Up Day. Emily Rowe will once again chair the Green Up committee. A meeting will be held shortly, preferably before Town Meeting so that the road map can be ready so that people can volunteer for designated sections of roads.
- 9) Frank contacted the Secretary of State regarding the \$500 that was voted for the Conservation Commission as part of this year's budget. He was told that if it was in the budget that was approved, it should be transferred to the Commission's account.
- 10) National Trails Day will be in June. We have participated in prior years and plan to do so again this year.
- 11) Ginny will apply for a grant from the Vermont Association of Conservation Commissions to fund an outing led by Alcott Smith to evaluate habitat for wildlife on the proposed town forest.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Steve Long.