



CORINTH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND FLOODING BYLAWS: PLANNING COMMISSION'S PUBLIC HEARING: YOU SHOULD COME TO THE HEARING SO THE TOWN BOARDS KNOW HOW YOU STAND. YES OR NO! YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING AT THE TOWN HALL ON FEBRUARY 16 AT 7 PM. THE PURPOSE IS TO INTRODUCE AND SEEK PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROPOSED UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT BY-LAW. THIS BY-LAW INCLUDES A LIMITED FORM OF ZONING, AS WELL AS IMPORTANT UPDATES TO THE EXISTING SUB-DIVISION BY-LAW AND FLOOD ZONE ORDINANCE. ALL TOWN RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND. THE PROPOSED BY-LAW AND EXPLANATORY MATERIAL ARE POSTED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE, OR MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE TOWN OFFICES.



Take note of the above notice. The planning Commission has already held one meeting, to hear public input but there were only 3 people that attended. This is the second one and then there will be a third with the Selectboard. This is your chance to attend! Things like building permits, setback guidelines, and changes in subdivisions are included that could very well affect you as a land owner. Please read the following summary written by the Planning Commission and see some of the items that are included in the document. The whole document can be viewed online at town.corinthvt.org or at the Town Offices.

Town of Corinth Proposed Unified Development Bylaws

The following is a guide to the proposed new Unified Development Bylaws for the Town of Corinth. This guide provides an overview of how the new bylaws could affect you in the future as a landowner wanting to develop or subdivide your property. The proposed Unified Development Bylaws are a combination of Corinth's existing Flood Zone Ordinance and Sub-Division Bylaw with the addition of a new Zoning Regulation focused on commercial development. This work was undertaken by the Corinth Planning Commission to support the Town Plan adopted on June 25, 2007. Corinth's existing Flood Zone Ordinance and Sub-Division Bylaw were rewritten to comply with current State regulations and to make them easier to administer. The Zoning Regulation was added to address the results from two surveys of town residents which showed a desire to have more control over commercial development within our town.

How will the proposed Corinth Unified Development Bylaws affect new projects?

- If you plan to:
 - Renovate an existing home,
 - Build a new garage or shed, or
 - Replace an existing building destroyed by fire;

You will not need a Town permit as long as you follow the **new Town General Development Standards (included in by-laws)** that are designed to protect streams, ponds, wetlands, and your neighbors' properties, and to allow for adequate road maintenance and traffic flow (see Proposed Unified Development Bylaw, Section 3.2 General Standards for Allowed Uses).

- If your land or lot is outside a designated floodplain (see map at Town Hall) and you plan to:
 - Build a new home or duplex on an existing lot,
 - Add a small apartment to your existing house, or
 - Start a new home business;

You will need to file an application form and pay a small fee to obtain a building permit from the new Town Administrative Officer that ensures that your project conforms to the **new Town General Development (included in by-laws) Standards** (see Proposed Unified Development Bylaw, Section 3.2). Your project will not require a public hearing.

- If your land or lot is outside a designated floodplain (see map at Town Hall) and you plan to:
 - Start a new small or large business,
 - Build a multi-family unit apartment, town-

house or condo, or

- Construct a mobile home park;

You will need to file an application form, pay a small fee, and participate in a public hearing about the project in order to obtain a building permit from the Town Administrative Officer that ensures that your project conforms to the **new Town General Development Standards** (see Proposed Unified Development Bylaw, Section 3.2), as well as any special conditions determined by the Planning Commission.

- If your land or lot is within a designated floodplain (see map at Town Hall) and you plan to:
 - Create a lot by primary subdivision,
 - Add non-substantial improvements to an existing structure, or
 - Add a garage or shed that is less than 500 square feet;

You will need to file an application form and pay a small fee to obtain a building permit from the Town Administrative Officer that ensures that your project conforms to the new General Standards in the Flood Overlay District (see Proposed Unified Development Bylaw, Section 3.4).

- If your land or lot is within a designated floodplain (see map at Town Hall) and you plan to:
 - Add substantial improvements to an existing structure,
 - Construct new or replacement storage tanks, or
 - Create a pond;

You will need to file an application form, pay a fee, and participate in a public hearing to obtain a building permit from the Town Administrative Officer that ensures that your project conforms to the new General Standards in the Flood Overlay District (see Proposed Unified Development Bylaw, Section 3.4) and any additional conditions determined by the Planning Commission.

- If you plan to create a new lot through:
 - A primary (first time) subdivision of your land,
 - Annexation of adjacent land, or
 - Lot line adjustment;

You will need to file an application form and pay a small fee to obtain a permit from the Town Administrative Officer. The permit will specify that you are creating an exempt subdivision.

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- If you plan to create a new lot or lots through subdivision that is not a primary (first time) subdivision, you will need to file an application with the Town Planning Commission, pay an application fee to the Town of Corinth, and participate in a public hearing to review the project.
- If you plan to extract sand and gravel, or develop a mine or rock quarry, you will need to file an application form that includes a site plan and description of planned activities, an access plan showing roads and drainage, and a rehabilitation plan; pay a fee; and comply with the General Standards for Allowed Uses (see Proposed Unified Development Bylaw, Section 3.2), Standards for All Uses Needing Conditional Use Approval (see Proposed Unified Development Bylaw, Section 4.1), and Specific Conditional Use Standards for Earth Resource Extraction (see Proposed Unified Development Bylaw, Section 4.3).

For additional information, you may view copies of the Proposed Unified Development Bylaws located at the Corinth Town Hall and on the Town website: www.corinthvt.org. If you have any questions, you may contact any of the Planning Commission Members listed below or attend a public hearing regarding the proposed by-laws scheduled for February 16th at 7 p.m. at the Corinth Town Hall.

Kevin Kinerson	–	439-6519
Allen Locke	–	439-5494
Chris Jauhola	–	439-5455
Mark Nielsen	–	439-3730

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a position in Town Called Service Officer. Jen Brooks Wooding is the Officer for Corinth.

The Service Officer is there for emergency's such as anyone in Town (resident or not) being stuck with no where to stay for the night. Jen can help you locate somewhere to go. Or if your out of gas or fuel you can call and get a voucher to help. They also give Vouchers for food in an emergency. They can get you in touch with someone at Safeline anytime day or night.

So if you're in need don't hesitate to call Jen at 439-5855.

There's also a Information line for the State of Vermont just call #211, to ask just about anything.



REMINDER: TAXES ARE DUE

Taxes are due on or before the close of the business day on **Tuesday February 9th 2010**. Unpaid taxes will be processed as delinquent and assessed with interest and penalty charges. If you have any questions regarding your taxes and the current amount that you owe, please call the Treasurer, Susan Fortunati at 439-5850.

PLEASE NOTE: Postmarks are not accepted.

Office hours for Tuesday February 9th are 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

Do not combine payments for the current year taxes and delinquent taxes. These are separate functions of the town and payments must be made and kept separate. **Make checks payable to: Town of Corinth**

Positions Open for Election at Town Meeting in March:

- Selectmen - 3 year term
- Moderator - 1 year term
- Lister - 3 year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes -1 year
- First Constable - 1 year term
- Second Constable - 1 year term
- Grand Juror - 1 year term
- Town Agent to Deed Real Estate - 1 year
- Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits - 1 year
- Cemetery Commissioner - 3 year
- WRV School Director - 3 year

By the time this newsletter comes out it will be to late to file the paperwork with the Town Clerk to be put on the ballot, but anyone can campaign and ask voters to vote them as a write in candidate.

NOTICE: The Planning Commission is in need of members. If you are interested in being on the commission please contact one of the Selectboard members or Kevin Kinerson the Chairman of the Planning Commission Board at 439-6519 or at one of the regularly scheduled meetings. They meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Some months only hold one meeting.



TOWN BULLETINS

NEWS AND INFORMATION HAVING TO DOE WITH THE TOWN CAN BE SEEN AT THE TOWN BULLETIN BOARD AT EAST CORINTH GENERAL (OUTSIDE AT BACK OF STORE BY DELIVERY ENTRANCE) AND THE BULLETIN BOARD ON THE FRONT OF THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING. SOMETIMES AT THE POST OFFICES (DEPENDING ON SUBJECT), HERE OF COURSE AND IN THE JOURNAL OPINION.

Town Meeting is on March 2nd 2010 at 10:00 am in the Town Hall located at 1387 Cookeville Rd.

We hope to see you there! If your not physically able to come to the Town Hall to cast your vote **due to a disability or serious illness**, and you neglected to request an absentee ballot, you may notify the Town Clerk at 439-5850 prior to elections and two of our local Justices of the Peace, (who are members of the Board of Civil Authority) will bring ballots to your home. The Justices will be available only during certain hours on election day so please contact us as soon as possible so we may arrange to have your ballot delivered to you. The Justices will wait (and assist you if you need them to) and then return your ballot to election officials.



DOG LICENSES AND RABIES CLINIC

All dogs in the town of Corinth need to be licensed before April 1st 2010. You may mail your information to the Town Clerk at P O Box 461 Corinth VT 05039 (be sure to include your phone number in case of questions) or bring it to the office during normal business hours. The 2010 costs are:

Before April 1st a neutered or spayed dog is \$8.00, un-neutered or un-spayed is \$12.00. After April 1st a neutered or spayed dog is \$10.00 and a un-neutered or un-spayed dog is \$16.00. A current rabies vaccination and proof of spaying are required. We will be having a rabies and dog License Clinic Wednesday March 10th from 6:30-7:30 at the East Corinth Volunteer Fire Department in the village.



Northeast Ski Slopes

Including our regular days we will be open during school vacation the week of Feb. 22-26th

The annual Box Race will be held on Feb. 28th For rules and other info call: Gary Bickford at 439-5149 or in the evenings at 439-6086.

The annual snowmobile hill climb will be held on Sunday March 7th. For more info call Josh Allen at 439-6034.

For up to date information on any Northeast event you can go to the website at www.northeaststlopes.com.

Green Up Day Coordinator Needed

Green Up Day is always on the first Saturday in May. This year our town is in need of someone to coordinate this event. That would entail hanging up posters and distributing green up bags at the dump the Sat. before and the Sat. of Green Up Day. Setting up the sign up sheet and map at town meeting and mailing the results of the day to the state. If you would like to help with any or all of the above please call Ginny from the Conservation Commission at 439-5652 or Nancy at the Town Office 439-5850 for more information.

BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

HOURS: MONDAY 2 PM – 8 PM

WEDNESDAY 2 PM – 8 PM

THURSDAY 9 AM – 12 NOON

FRIDAY 2 PM – 6 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM – 12 NOON

STORY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY AT 10:00 AM

FOR OTHER LIBRARY EVENTS LOOK IN THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR, AT THE LIBRARY AND ON THEIR WEB-SITE.



Selectboard Reminder

Look for the monthly Selectboard minutes in the *Journal Opinion* following the 3rd Monday of each month. Remember, we only have one meeting per month so the minutes will only be in one issue per month. Selectboard meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, so minutes are available by the 3rd Monday in the Town Clerk's office. They also appear on our website: www.corinthvt.org. In fact, the website includes an archive of Selectboard meeting minutes back to May 2007.

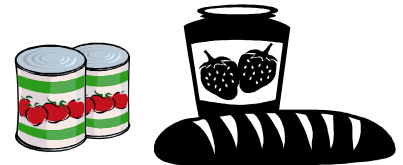
ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S COMPLAINT & TIP LINE

The Orange County Sheriff's Office and our local Constables would like you to know that there is a tip line available for any complaints on snowmobiles, or tips on ATV's or other illegal activity. The web-site for this is: orangecountysheriff.com



Riverside Grange #455 Annual Food Drive

Is having their annual food drive on **Town Meeting Day at the Corinth Town Hall**. Please help with this much needed service by donating a non perishable food item. This benefits the New Hope Food Shelf located in the Grange Hall in West Topsham. They serve Orange, Washington, Topsham, and Corinth.

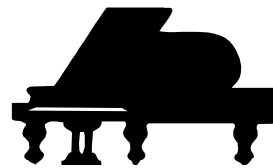


FYI

HS-122 Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim has a due date of April 15, 2010 just like your taxes. You can find the form in the Vermont Income Tax Return booklet. They are available at the Town Offices if you need one.

Appointed Town Officers

If you are interested in any of the following appointed positions, the Selectboard makes the appointments in March for terms that have come up. Let one of the Select persons know that you are interested before then. Health Officer, Planning Commission, Revolving Loan Fund, Road Commissioner, Service Officer, Surveyor of Wood & Timber, Town Hall Building Committee, Tree Warden, Upper Valley Ambulance Service Rep, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Animal Control Officer, Budget Committee, Conservation Commission, E-911 Coordinator, Emergency Management Director, Energy Coordinator and Fence Viewers.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR : FEB. - MARCH - APRIL

FEB 1 ST CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 FEB 2 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 FEB 3 RD MOVIE NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY 7:00 PM MOVIE SHOWING JULIA AND JULIA
 FEB 3 RD MASTERS OF THE SHORT STORY READING AND DISCUSSION, DISCUSSION OF ANTON CHEKHOV @ LIBRARY 4:30 PM
 FEB 8 TH SELECTBOARD MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 FEB 10 TH RAPTOR ENCOUNTER WITH THE VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE 7 PM AT THE CORINTH TOWN HALL
 Feb 13th ART OF AGES NEW MOON SALE! NORM AND CONNIE'S SHOP & GALLERY AT 2283 BACKWAY RD, CORINTH CORNER FROM 10:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM. Or by Special Appointment. 1-802-685-3812
 FEB 20 TH TOPSHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS HOWARD COFFIN @ TOPSHAM PRES. CHURCH EAST TOPSHAM 7:00 PM
 FEB 22 ND TILL 26 TH NORTHEAST SKI SLOPES OPEN FOR WINTER VACATION
 FEB 24 MASTERS OF THE SHORT STORY READING AND DISCUSSION TOPIC- FLANNERY O'CONNOR @ LIBRARY 4:30 PM
 FEB 24 TH POETRY NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY 7:00 PM
 FEB 28 TH ANNUAL BOX RACE @ NORTHEAST SKI SLOPES

MARCH 1 ST CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 MARCH 3 RD MOVIE NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY 7:00 PM MOVIE SHOWING THE FIELD
 MARCH 2 ND TOWN MEETING @ TOWN HALL STARTS AT 10:00 AM
 MARCH 7 TH ANNUAL SNOWMOBILE HILL CLIMB @ NORTHEAST SKI SLOPES
 MARCH 8 TH SELECTBOARD MEETING @ 7:00 PM
 MARCH 10 TH DOG LICENSING AND RABIES CLINIC @ EAST CORINTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. @ 6:30-7:30
 MARCH 17 TH MASTERS OF THE SHORT STORY READING AND DISCUSSION TOPIC- ANN BEATTIE @ LIBRARY 4:30 PM
 MARCH 20 TH ART OF AGES SPRING SALE! NORM & CONNIE'S SHOP & GALLERY AT 2283 BACKWAY RD, CORINTH CORNER FROM 10:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM. Or by Special Appointment. 1-802-685-3812
 MARCH 24 TH POETRY NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY 7:00 PM

APRIL 5 TH CORINTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 APRIL 6TH PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 APRIL 7 TH MOVIE NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY 7:00 PM MOVIE SHOWING— AMREEKA
 APRIL 10 TH ART OF AGES APRIL SALE! NORM & CONNIE'S SHOP & GALLERY AT 2283 BACKWAY RD, CORINTH CORNER FROM 10:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM. Or by Special Appointment. 1-802-685-3812
 APRIL 12 TH SELECTBOARD MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 APRIL 28 TH POETRY NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY 7:00 PM

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE ON THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR YOU MAY E-MAIL IT TO CORINO@TOPS-TELE.COM OR CALL NANCY AT THE TOWN OFFICE AT 439-5850

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 Many beautifully framed items ready to go to include work by some Vermont artists.

Find us at: 2283 Backway Rd at the Barn in Corinth Corner. (www.artagesvt.com) Custom framing & repair services available~!
 Watch for notices, “open” signs or Call Norm & Connie for an appointment to suit your schedule at 1-802-685-3812.

Directions: Off Corinth's Goose Green Rd to Vershire, take Heath Rd for ¼ Mile to flagpole in little common, take left on Ryder Rd for ¼ Mile to Backway Rd on right, take Backway Rd uphill ¼ Mile to the Barn on the right.

Town of Corinth
PO Box 461
Corinth, VT 05039

1387 Cookeville Road

Phone: 802-439-5850

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05040**

Town of Corinth ~~~ CONTACT INFO.

www.corinthvt.org

Town Clerk, *Nancy Ertle* @ the office 439-5850, Office hours: Monday 8:00-4:00 Tuesday 8:00-6:00 pm and Thursday 9:00 -3:00 pm. First Saturday of every month from 10:00-12:00. Town Clerks e-mail address corino@tops-tele.com

Treasurer, *Susan Fortunati* @ the office 439-5850. Office hours: Monday 8:30 - 3:00, Tuesday 12:00 - 6:00, Thursday 10:00 - 3:00, Friday 8:30 - 3:00 Treasures e-mail address corintres@tops-tele.com

~ Closed Wednesdays & Federal Holidays ~

Appointments with the clerk may also be made to accommodate those who just can't make regular office hours.

Select board - *Laurie Sheridan*, @ 439-6299, *Russ Pazdro* Chairperson @ 439-5265 and *Lee Porter* @ 439-5899.

Road Foreman, *Joe Blodgett* @ the Town Garage 439-6272 (leave your name and number please).

Listers - *Allen Locke*, Chair; *Jen Brooks-Wooding* & *Peter Keene* @ the office 439-5098.

Lister hrs. T-T 9:30 am to 1:30 pm or by appointment.

First Constable—*Joe Hill* @ 439-6848 or email: joseph.hill@gmail.com

Second Constable—*John Farrow* @ 439-3184

Orange County Rescue and Corinth Animal Control Officer—*Diana Perry* @ NEW # 439-3700

New email address: ocartarc@gmail.com

You can find a full list of numbers and contacts in your Town Report. & on the town website www.corinthvt.org

Copies of the Town Report are available at the Town Hall.

News and Events from the Corinth Conservation Commission

February 10

Raptor Encounter with the Vermont Institute of Natural Science
7 p.m. at the Corinth Town Hall

This first-hand encounter with live falcons, hawks, and owls focuses on the natural history, ecology, and adaptations of these efficient predators. Participants learn what adaptations make a bird a raptor. The Raptor Encounter is a great introduction to these specialized flying hunters. Touchable artifacts and hands-on materials round out this special experience.

Events are free and sponsored by the Corinth Conservation Commission, Orange County Headwaters, and New England Grass-roots Environment Fund. The CCC meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

T-Shirts Support Corinth Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission still has many custom t-shirts available for sale in all sizes. The t-shirts sport an original design by local children's author Gail Gibbons, depicting whimsical hikers on a trail in commemoration of the year the Clement Loop Trail opened in the Maplewood area. T-shirts are \$12 apiece and are available for sale at the Town Hall and also at Conservation Commission events. T-shirt proceeds help pay for the walks and talks the Conservation Commission organizes, as well as activities we support such as the WRVS composting program (see above).

Donate Your Returnables

Every Saturday, the Conservation Commission is collecting returnable cans and bottles at the transfer station. Please bring your clean returnables and deposit them in the receptacles next to the sign that says "Support the Conservation Commission," near the bulletin board. Proceeds help support Conservation Commission activities.

Want to Help Out?

The Conservation Commission would appreciate your help, especially activities such as trail maintenance and Green-Up Day. If you want to help, please contact Anne Margolis (anne.margolis@gmail.com or 439-5630) or come to our meetings, the first Monday evening of the month at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.



NEWS AND DATES FROM BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

At 4:30 on Wednesday, February 3, Suzanne Brown will return to continue the Masters of the Short Story discussion series. On tap will be the stories of Anton Chekhov—specifically *The Black Monk*, *The House with the Mezzanine*, *The Peasants*, *Gooseberries*, and *The Lady with the Toy Dog*. On February 24 we'll discuss the stories of Flannery O'Connor, and on March 17 we'll discuss the relatively recent tales of Ann Beattie.

Quilters—and those eager to learn the art—come to the library on Friday, February 12 (from 2 to 6) for a workshop lead by Evelyn Barber. Not only will you get a chance to develop traditional skills, you'll also get a chance to contribute to our latest fundraiser. The quilt we wind up making—which will feature our 42 favorite books—will be raffled off to raise money for the library. If you want to find out how you can get your favorite book included on the quilt, stop by the library.

Later that evening (time TBD) stop by for a photo presentation by New York photographer Jeanne Cameron. After the presentation, inspired by art, we'll begin a conversation about how we might go about summoning the creative and the constructive souls of the community to engage this spring and summer in a community art project. Local artist Cathy Cone will be present to help us with the endeavor.

Monday Feb. 1 and Monday Feb. 8, a recruiter from the U.S. Census Bureau will be at the library to accept applications for jobs with the 2010 U.S. Census. Applicants should arrive by 5:30 (with either a passport or a driver's license and social security card or birth certificate) to take a thirty-minute test. Jobs will begin in April and will pay \$13.50 per hour (plus \$0.50 per mile). Work up to 40 hours per week, enjoy a flexible schedule, and be a part of history in the making.

Films will continue to play in February, March and April, on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00. Scheduled for February is *Julie & Julia*. Based on Julie Powell's book *Julie & Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen*, the film stars Meryl Streep as the legendary Julia Child and Amy Adams as Julie Powell, a disenchanted government secretary who decides to enliven her uneventful life by cooking all 524 recipes outlined in Julia Child's culinary classic *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. In March, in recognition of St. Patrick's Day, we'll be showing the classic Irish film *The Field* starring Richard Harris as the memorable "Bull" McCabe, an Irish farmer determined to maintain his right to continue to farm a field he's worked all his life. In April, *Amreeka* will hit the big screen.

Of course, Storytime will continue under the direction of Sarah Rinehimer and Inger Swingforth on Thursday mornings at 10:00, and Poetry Night will continue under the direction of Jack Gundy on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00. By the way, if you see Jack, congratulate him, as a poem of his has been published in the most recent Bloodroot publication!

See you among the stacks,

Ken Linge, Library Director, Blake Memorial Library, PO Box D, East Corinth, VT 05040. (802)439-5338, blakemem@tops-tele.com

