

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION~JUNE 17, 2014~6:30 PM AT THE LIBRARY

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Eric Nuse, Ann Marie Bahr, Jeanne Engel, Cynthia Perry. Absent: Noel Dodge, Carley Coolidge

GREENUP UPDATE

The CC paid \$100 toward Greenup Day refreshments and prizes.

UPDATE ON GOMO

VASA's Gary Nolan met with Eric at the Gomo Town Forest to study the work in progress on the road repairs and talk over recommendations for further work. Those included a 60" wide bridge that would not accommodate trucks, armoring the side trails with rock, and piling brush and trees on the old roadbed as a barrier when we do apple tree release. On the Waterville side, the trail to the left of the old road will be used.

Interestingly, Gary does not know how VASA will finance the remaining work; they hope to find money in local club donations. Eric made clear the fact that the Gomo roads will be closed to ATV traffic if not repaired.

GRANT

At this time, we appear to be the only interest in submitting an application for the Municipal Planning Grant in the fall in order to fund a Natural Resources Inventory. (Note: as of July 10, the Planning Commission and the Village have mucked that up.)

Eric will contact Jim Andrews about tracking training.

JOURNEY'S END TRAIL

Eric, Lois, and Sue worked in the rain to clear and mark the new trail at Journey's End. Most of it follows the original trail; the entrance has shifted toward the east and is marked. Glenn Callaghan agreed to let us cross a corner of his land in order to avoid a wet area on the conserved piece.

Cal Stanton has suggested that the Laraway students, who do carpentry, might do trail and kiosk building. Since we have plans and the money to fund the kiosk, that's a slam dunk AND Noel's off the hook for the kiosk. The Laraway kids could also cut logs for corduroying the wet area.

Teen Challenge was also suggested as a source of labor for moving Lois' picnic table to Journey's End and for bridge building.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

- ~There has been no word yet from LANDS, but proposals will be needed soon.
- ~ Jeanne and the Library will be doing a story walk for the kids about bugs at July 22 TNL. They'll be using the CC's tent. The rent will be pastry.
- ~ Sue has been talking to Melinda Scott from Lamoille County Planning Commission about inventorying the hazard trees in the ROW. She will talk further about LCPC possibly furnishing us with GPS and GIS data. ~

There were no cookies at this meeting.

The next two meetings will be held at the Library at 6:30 on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 17 at the Library at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary.