

## JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 18, 2014

6:30 at the Municipal Building

Present: Lois Frey, Jeanne Engel, Sue Lovering, Eric Nuse, Carley Coolidge, Noel Dodge. Absent: Anne Marie Bahr, Jackie Stanton, Julia Stanton. Guest: Dave Hardy

### GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB GOES TO JOHNSON

Dave Hardy, of the Green Mountain Club, has charge of managing and maintaining the Long Trail. In this capacity, he visited the Conservation Commission in order to open a conversation about working with the CC and the Town in order to straighten out the ATV issue in the Gomo Town Forest. He recommends getting VASA to repair the Coddington Rd, visit the site during the work, and afterwards make plans to build a new trail. We agreed with him that finding a way to block the trail entrance to ATVs would be less costly and easier than making a new trail parallel to the existing one. He can work with VASA to build a relationship through the Greenways Council.

It may be possible to obtain a grant from Vermont Youth Conservation Corps for the building of the new trail. The grant cycle begins in February, 2015, so this summer may be spent walking the land, laying out a new trail, and recording GIS points. Lois will ask Gary Nolan for a timeline on the ATV Club's work and keep them apprised of our conversations with Dave Hardy. We will inform the Selectboard that, along with the Green Mountain Club, we'll be applying for a grant for the Gomo trailbuilding in the February, 2015 cycle.

Walter Pomroy is working toward an easement for the part of the Long Trail that crosses Gomo land.

The June 17 CC meeting will be held at Gomo to inspect the trails there. We'll meet at 6:00 at the Municipal Building and carpool.

## JOURNEY'S END

Eric and Lea Kilvadyova walked the property with a representative from the Youth Conservation Corps and marked one bad area where survey markers aren't clear. They felt that by rearranging some of the earth where the trail crosses the brook, it may be possible to build a smaller, less costly bridge. On steep areas in the trail, switchbacks and stone steps can be utilized. It's estimated that this work will take three weeks to complete. We should flag the new trail in the spring since the VYCC, if they do the work, won't begin until 2015.

Lois will ask Doug Molde to get the final donor list from the VRC.

## WINTER CARNIVAL

The CC's snowshoe trek at the Prindle property was attended by 12 people. There was no Studio Center participation this year. However, the parking lot wasn't plowed and we provided no snowshoes. Perhaps we'll have it at Journey's End next year.

## EAB PREPAREDNESS

Lois, Sue, and Shelby Perry will work on the plan on Friday, Feb. 20.

Eric, Lois, And Sue will meet with the Select Board at 8:15 on Feb. 18 to discuss the plan and the idea of preparedness, as well as the Tree Board.

There were very few tracks and one deer bed seen at Prindle property during the snowshoe hike.

Adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting at the Library on March 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary