

Johnson Conservation Commission May 20, 2014 6:30pm at the Library

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Jeanne Engel, Noel Dodge, Eric Nuse, Ann Marie
Absent: Carley Coolidge, Cynthia Perry. Guests: Jari Chevalier, Carl Powden, Jim
Watkins. Speaker: Jens Hilke

LINDA MOLDE STRIKES AGAIN!

A scary plate of Mutant Ninja Ash Borers, in the form of big green marzipan bugs with licorice legs, graced the table of the meeting. Linda created them and donated them to the Commission, who proceeded to eat them, just as EAB eats the ash trees.

PRESENTATION BY JENS HILKE

Jens outlined ways in which to identify our natural resources. He was helpful in suggesting sources of funds and ways in which to use citizen scientist help. Our goals were stated as: outreach and education to the community, which will result in town support for the project and the creation of a citizen scientist program that will focus on connectivity. With an eye toward organizing a training for tracking, Eric will get in touch with Jim Andrews for information. We'll also give a bobcat program designed to bring people into the tracking training program.

GOMO TRAIL BUILDING

Dave Hardy and Gary Nolan will join us at the June 17 meeting at Gomo to inspect the trail repairs in progress. Codding Hollow Rd. is now passable. (Note: as of June 12, the repairs have not yet begun and both Dave Hardy and Gary Nolan have cancelled.)

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The CC and the Tree board set the precedence of Arbor Day as a celebration in Johnson with two maple tree plantings on the JES lawn, a visit to a JSC Ash inventory, and a foray into a fourth grade classroom to talk about invasive bugs and trees, all in a party atmosphere.

TREE BOARD

The new Tree Board was formally appointed by the Selectboard. Sue and Noel will be doing double duty on both the TB and the CC.

SUMMER PLANS FOR JOURNEY'S END

We will mark the new trail with flagging and the town crew will move gravel to the correct entrance in an attempt to keep the public on the town's land. Eric will meet with Glenn Callaghan to ask if we might cross onto a corner of his land. This will let us keep the trail on high ground at that point and avoid building a second bridge. Eric will also pick up flagging.

PRINDLE PLANS

We should re-flag the Prindle trails this summer.

Next meeting is on June 17 at the Library at 6:30.

Adjourned at 8:35.
Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary.