

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2016

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Eric Nuse, Dean Locke, Laura Branca, Noel Dodge, Ann Marie Bahr. Absent: Louise von Weis. Guests: Denise Krause, Nat Kinney

The January and March minutes were approved.

#### LEASH LAW ORDINANCE

It's in the process before the Select Board.

#### NATURAL RESOURCE GRANT STATUS

RFPs are on the town website and are due by May 2. We don't have to do anything before our next meeting.

#### AVCC SUCCESS STORIES

Lois wrote one about Journey's End but the AVCC site wouldn't upload it. (Probably just jealous.) Lois will try again.

Lois and Sue attended the AVCC annual meeting in March and almost froze to death while taking in and adding to some very interesting information.

#### MARCH GLADNESS FOLLOW-UP

We considered it successful, despite small attendances. We decided to advertise next year on Front Porch Forums in surrounding towns and send a message to the Friends of the Waterbury Reservoir. Eric suggested adding a short presentation about what we do to preface our talks.

The Library's new blackout shades worked perfectly for our Gladnesses. If the JPL decides to add more shades next year, the CC "will consider helping out".

#### BEARD'S RECREATION PARK

Lydia Menendez has sent us a list of donors for Journey's End and Beard's Recreation to be included on the kiosks or on other signage.

The path into the park will be kept where it is now.

A celebration is being planned and will likely happen in July after the steps are built at Beard's. As per the Beard's wishes, a plaque similar to the one at Journey's End will be installed on a rock on the beach; the town will pay for it.

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Trail maps! Nat suggested that Concept Two might be willing to donate money for printing trail maps. He'll send an application form to Lois. We should include maps of JE, Prindle, the Long Trail, Gomo and perhaps the Talc trail. Sue will apply.

Sue suggested that the Talc property could be next year's project.

#### GREEN UP DAY

A motion was passed to give up to \$100 to the Green Up effort if a request is received.

#### MISC:

- Laraway will prefabricate the roof for the Journey's End kiosk and we will install it.
- Fairy houses will be the subject of an event at Journey's End sometime this summer. In Johnson's very first piece of zoning, the Fairy Houses will be limited to natural materials and located along the Foote Brook, away from the trail. Nat thought the Recreation Committee could help promote it.
- Once again, Deane produced cookies that dazzled!
- Louise reports that the Journey's End trail is in good shape.

Note: After the meeting, Nat remarked that being there was more like being at a fun social hour instead of a meeting. We are so good at having fun!

Adjourned at 8:20 PM

The next meeting will be on May 17, 2016 at the Library at 6:30 PM  
Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary