

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2016

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

The July minutes were approved.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

The new town administrator, Brian Story, will administer the grant. Well, yeah.

Arrowwood has yet to send us the areas they want to target. When they do, we'll give them the contacts we have. Right now, the ball's in their court.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

The displays are going along swimmingly and have two to go. There has been lots of interest in the inventory and maps we've exhibited and a couple of people have signed up to have their land included in it.

BEARD'S RECREATION PARK

The celebration will take place in September or October. Brian Story will take care of the plaque and dedication.

Brian Krause did a great job of getting brushhogging done; he made sure the butterfly-friendly plants were left standing and asked Lois' opinion about what to cut. Our reaction to that? Whoeee! The two Mormon elders have been patrolling and picking up any trash.

JOURNEY'S END KIOSK

We need maps, especially of Journey's End, and we need somebody with the technical ability to work the GPS doodad who will volunteer to help us. Sue will find out if Taylor Engel might be willing.

TALC TRAIL

There's not much left of the marked trail at the Talc property, so we need to look it over in the wintertime. A suggestion was made that it may be a suitable place to use mountain bikes.

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

It'll be held on September 7 at the Library at 6:30.

VERMONT TRAILS AND GREENWAYS

Eric attended their meeting and thinks joining them would be a good fit for us. Different types of grants are available to members, as well as information on grant availability. The

dues are \$35 annually. A motion was unanimously passed to join Vermont Trails and Greenways, effective on January 1, 2017.

LCPC PARCEL MAPPING PROGRAM

It'll happen on October 5. Noel felt, and we agreed, that it is not useful to us.

MISC:

- Eric reported that the Gomo trails looked good with no ATV damage. He feels that a couple of spots there could use signage.
- In Canada, eagles are called Canadian Seagulls because they're all over the dumps and numerous as all get-out. Cool, huh?
- The AVCC meeting will be held on October 22. Lois and Sue will attend.
- The Regional Meeting of Lamoille County Conservation Commissions will be held on September 14. Sue, and perhaps Denise, will attend.
- Can you believe it? I never wrote down what the snacks were but they were swell, whatever they were.

Our meeting dates will revert to Tuesdays in September, with the next one being September 20 at the Library at 6:30.

Adjourned at 8:25.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary