

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, June 21, 2016

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

The May minutes were approved.

FAIRY FOREST AT GOMO

The Fairy Forest event will take place on Saturday, the 25th. Laura will orchestrate it and tell a story and the group will help. Dean did a masterpiece! He made a sign that will be hung on a tree at the entrance of the Fairy neighborhood and lays out the rules for fairy development etiquette. It's truly a beauty and it's classy as all get-out.

NATURAL RESOURCE GRANT

The contract for Arrowwood Environmental was sent to them on June 21. Since they had not received it, they had not planned to appear at our meeting. Noel will invite them for next month. They have, however, begun some of the field work on our project.

BEARD RECREATION PARK

Bruce and Mary Beard have offered to put in a picnic table and fire pit. The Select Board has approved the money for a plaque similar to the one at Journey's End. We agreed that we should get these things in place before we have the celebration. Regarding the town's right of way across Bob Sweetser's property that adjoins Beard's Park: a motion was made and unanimously passed that we should keep the waterfront portion of the ROW but give up the part between the road and the house.

JOURNEY'S END

Lois spoke with Lydia Menedez about the eventual possibility of building a bridge to replace the steep steps at the brook halfway down the trail. This bridge was planned to have been built in the original trail project; the funds for materials and a plan and design are in place. The Vermont River Conservancy doesn't need to be involved in a new permit application but does need to approve the design.

We will look into someone to build it. Green Mountain Tech was suggested. A Vermont Trail Grant may be a source for funds.

Dean's suggestion to install a zipline instead was not all that well received by all members, just showing that not all JCCers are totally nuts. Some are more than others, if you get my drift, Dean. Let's face it, though, it would be a lot more exciting than a bridge.

TALC MILL PROPERTY

We will walk it on Sunday, July 24. Meet at the Goodwin House at the gate at 4:15.

MISC:

- Way to go, guys! The food lineup included Klondike Bars, retro marshmallow-Rice Krispies bars (ahhh, the sweet memories of times gone by...), dark chocolate covered blueberries, and dark chocolate, caramel and sea salt covered pretzels. Never let it be said that we don't do it right!
- Apple tree release at Gomo will perhaps take place in the fall.
- A rousing discussion took place about how many ways a mouse in a car can be disgusting. Esoteric, deep and downright profound.

Next meeting is on July 21, 2016 at the Library at 6:30

Adjourned at 8:20

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary