

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

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

Addition to agenda: Trail maps

The August minutes were approved.

#### NATURAL RESOURCE GRANT UPDATE

Arrowwood is running behind schedule. They sent a map delineating places of interest that they'd like to survey. Many of those place's owners are a mystery, so Denise offered to find their identities and will let us know so we can contact them. (Denise says she likes any excuse to "go to town". Jeezum Crow, Denise, is your life lacking excitement or what?)

Arrowwood has asked if an extension in late spring is possible; as of now they should be done by the end of June.

#### TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

We picked up three offers from landowners to survey their properties at TNL. Sue will work on next summer's displays over the winter.

#### BEARD'S RECREATION PARK

The dedication ceremony has been postponed until May. The plaque will be mounted on a special rock in the field rather than on the one by the water that was previously selected. Meanwhile, plans are being pursued for the addition of benches and a firepit in the areas Dean identified and GMTCC has offered to donate a picnic table, thanks to Lois' quick thinking at their display at Hyde Park Home Day. Lois mentioned a kiosk to Brian Story, who will follow up on it.

Lydia Menendez offered (and was enthusiastically taken up on it) to do the donor lists for Beard's and Journey's End and to laminate them.

#### TALC MILL FOLLOWUP

We'll consider trail making there after we're done with Arrowwood, so we'll have "something spiffy to work with", resource-wise.

#### REGIONAL MEETING OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS

Dean and Sue attended and reported that the meeting was informative and worth attending in the future. A spreadsheet of information compiled at the meeting will be forthcoming from LCPC.

## TRAIL MAPS

Pam deAndrea at LCPC has offered to make the maps for us for free if we can get the information to us. Dean can do GPS points on the Journey's End trail and will add in interesting areas such as the Fairy Houses.

## DOG ORDINANCE

Lois got the Hyde Park ordinance from Brian Story; the sheriff's department would like to see the three towns on the Rail Trail follow the same rules regarding dogs. Laura and Lois will compare ours to Hyde Park's and send suggestions to Brian.

## MARCH GLADNESS

Eric might talk about the Green River Reservoir conundrum.

## MISC:

- We'll invite manager Brian Story to attend a meeting. He ought to find out sooner than later that we're the best group in town.
- A note was received from Nat Kinney thanking us for alerting the Select Board to the illegal dock at Gomo. They will follow up on it.
- We should discuss proposing a percentage on tax bills that would be dedicated to secure money for conservation, as is done in other towns.
- Dean certainly has raised the standard for future CC members. This time he brought home made chocolate mousse filled cream puffs. Be still, our hearts! Lois' pecan butterscotch cookies were no slouch either.
- Drone fishing. Go figure. What next?
- The Conservation Olympics will take place at Journey's End with the moving of the one-ton picnic table to higher ground.
- The October 5 parcel mapping meeting was still deemed to be not for us.
- Lois sure had a bigger job than usual herding cats at this meeting! Everybody had high spirits. Just goes to show you that the CC is fun!

Adjourned at 8:03 PM.

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2016 at the Library at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary