

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION..MARCH 18, 2014..6:30 PM at the LIBRARY

Present: Lois Frey, Eric Nuse, Jeanne Engel, Ann Marie Bahr, Sue Lovering, Carley Coolidge

Absent: Noel Dodge

JOURNEY'S END

A grant was written by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, with help from Lea Kilvadyova, Eric Nuse, and Lydia Menendez. It was submitted on Feb. 26, 2014 and there has been no word regarding the outcome as yet.

Eric spoke with the Teen Challenge folks about possible work on the JE trails, who were receptive to the idea.

GOMO WALK IN JUNE

The June meeting will take place at the Gomo Town Forest, walking with Selectboard members to view the progress of the promised repairs to ATV damage by the VASA folks. It will be moved up to 5:30 in order to make the most of the daylight.

TREE BOARD

We've got one! It was adopted at the February Selectboard meeting and the Selectpeople were very supportive. They offered the use of a town trailer with which to haul water, which will be donated to us by the Fire Department. We will also be able to park the trailer with our tank (yet to be obtained) at the sewage treatment plant. A lively philosophical discussion here ensued about When the Affluent Meet the Effluent, demonstrating once again the depth of the CC's thinking.

The Tree Board at this time has as its members: Sue Lovering, Noel Dodge, Court Perry, Louise von Weise, and Renate and Glenn Callaghan. This year care of the Main Street trees will be the first priority, with tree planting to be done in the future. A \$5000. grant may be available next year for the purchase of trees.

It was suggested that the grass strips along Main St. be planted with flowers; a good idea if it can be done.

RECREATION AND THE CC

There isn't much interest in trails in the Recreation Committee, so it may be wise to meet with them and see if we can combine efforts to work on the creation of loop trails and in doing so, expand the notion of recreation beyond organized sports.

We could use a walking map that was put out years ago. Carley will bring one to the next meeting.

GREENUP DAY

The CC will again give \$100. for refreshments at Greenup. Jen Stefanski will be in charge.

In a great outreach idea, Lois suggested that an ash tagging could be done in the ROW in the trashiest sections of town. (oh, to not be a public document...) Anne Mullings would know the heaviest trash districts and Jen may have a map from last year.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY GRANT RESEARCH

The PLACE program at UVM, in which UVM students come to a community and work for a semester on cultural, economic, and landscape problems, may be available to us. Jeanne spoke with Carl Powden, who advised that we assemble any existing information that may be found with Fish and Wildlife, Lamoille County Planning Commission, and Jens Hilke. Sue will ask LCPC if they have, or can make, layered maps. *Taylor Foster, of LCPC, would also know what smaller grants may be available.*

Jeanne feels that this should be a step by step process, beginning with Wildlife Habitat.

MISC BUT IMPORTANT DOODADS

- Cynthia Perry has been appointed as our newest member. And we all know what a swell baker she is!
- The Prindle property trails need to be reworked this summer.
- Eric will contact the Northern Canoe Trail organization about possibly erecting warning signage at Dog's Head Falls.
- The majority of Rocky Hooper's farm is in the process of being conserved, cause for celebration if ever there was one. Let's have a party!

Adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be at the Library at 6:30 on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary.