

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2017

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

The June minutes were approved.

BAT HOUSE PROJECT

Phil's prototype bat houses are ready for bat-occupancy and we're ready for a cut-paint-assemble day of eight more of them on September 28.

FAIRY HOUSES AT JOURNEY'S END

On the Saturday following an extremely successful Fairy House project at Tuesday Night Live, another one was held at Journey's End. 36 houses were found among the trees, showing that interest is high. Interest of another sort is also high; in yet another example of Johnson chic, somebody's bathing suit was found hanging in a tree, making one imagine in what state of dishabille its owner was in when they left.

JOURNEY'S END BRIDGE

Dana McKnight has shown no interest in building the bridge, so we need to stop wasting time and get somebody else. Perhaps Noah Pollack can make a suggestion.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

It's been terrific, drawing lots of interest and we're having fun. The revised schedule:

August 1 Archery Denise

August 8 Invasive insects and plants Sue

August 15 Rocks/geology of Johnson Ann Marie

August 22 Hiking trails Sue and Laura

August 29 Paddling Eric

On the 22nd, the trails will focus on maps for Prindle, Gomo, Talc Property, Journey's End, and the proposed loop trail at Gomo. Sue will find that in the LANDS report. We can also add State Park, Rail Trail, and Johnson's part of the Long Trail, along with smaller hikes like Prospect Rock.

YOUR MISSION AND YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT IT, AKA THE NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

Nobody did it last time, so the August meeting's homework is to read the Inventory and make one suggestion as to how we can move along the research. Let's see what we can do to add to the facts and help the wildlife travel their corridors. All 68 pages of the Inventory can be found at townofjohnson.com.

MISC:

- There are hanging dead branches over the trail at Journey's End. This came to our attention when Laura got half-bonked by one of them while being the Head Gnome. Noel will cut them.
- It was Noel's birthday, a swell time to celebrate! Somebody sent him a card that suggested he might be getting old. As if!
- One of us will accompany Denise to the Talc property to locate a woods site appropriate for one of her archery classes.
- Laura has located a cleanup grant that might be applied to the Wilson Road site. As none of us has the time to get involved, she will contact Sally Cole about taking over the project.

Adjourned at 8:37

Next meeting is on Thursday, August 17, at the Library at 6:30

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary