

JOHNSON TREE BOARD
Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 20, 2019

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Johnson Library

Present: Sue Lovering, , Rob Maynard, Brian Vandorn, Jacob Vandorn, Noel Dodge, Dorcas Jones

Absent: Louise von Weise

The Johnson Tree Board would like to set up an Arboretum somewhere in the Town of Johnson to create a place where many different trees or shrubs could be planted for scientific and educational purposes to be available to the public for viewing.

We discussed how to proceed in finding a plot of land available and suitable for this project. Various locations were mentioned and considered as to distance from the center of town, ease for walking access, etc. Sue noted that town officers often welcome projects that would attract visitors to Johnson.

The Duba Field (formerly known as Checkerberry Field) was suggested as a location we could investigate as a possibility and it was decided we should begin by finding out at the Town Clerk's office if there is a possible covenant on the deed to this property. We need this information before proceeding further.

When we are able to proceed with establishing an arboretum, we need to discuss how to create labels to identify and offer educational information about the various items.

We also discussed any necessary purchases we need to make before next season for tree maintenance etc. Landscape fabric has been offered by several members for use under the grates of the Main Street trees but we will need more compost and mulch.

We need an up-to-date list of the Johnson properties with the trees on them to determine our responsibilities properly.

It was decided to have the ash trees at the Old Mill Park treated for the Emerald Ash Borer by a licensed pesticide applicator. This would cost about \$12-15 per diameter inch at the base per tree.

There will not be a board meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on January 15, 2020 – at the library at 6:30

Submitted by Dorcas Jones and Sue Lovering