

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

**Present:** Joie Lehouillier, Mara Segal, Sophia Berard, Jay Stanton  
Tim Mikovitz, Howard Romero

**Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.**

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Howard said it looks as if the committee has enough money to pay the bands and then a little more.

Thank you notes and copies of the poster have been sent to all vendors. Reminders have been sent to potential sponsors that it isn't too late. Everyone has been thanked on social media.

Howard said he thinks the first Tuesday Night Live was great, and the sound was great. Another committee member said everyone said it sounded great.

Howard said he plans to contact someone who has drones to get a series of photos to get a crowd count. Tim said his estimate of the crowd on Tuesday was somewhere between 450 and 600. Howard said he would like to have drone photos taken for at least 2 of the nights.

Howard said the reason there was only one portable toilet was that Working Dog didn't have a handicapped-accessible one so instead of two singles they just put in one. Howard told Brian the day after the event that from now on he wants three – two singles and one handicapped-accessible.

A committee member said they had spoken to someone who offered to make a donation to help pay for more trash cans or portable toilets. She can follow up with Greg Stefanski to find out the person's name.

Howard said he had talked to Elly Ventura of LRSWMD. She thought someone from the TNL committee was supposed to pick up trash and recycling containers a day in advance. Apparently there was some miscommunication. Next week Howard will go get the containers. We will have 3 trash stations. Elly will provide us with a container for deposit bottles. The committee discussed offering community members food vouchers to sit at a trash station and help people correctly sort the items they are throwing away. The committee discussed the locations of the stations. In the absence of community volunteers a TNL committee member will have to sit at each station. It was agreed to post on Front Porch Forum asking for volunteers.

Two vendors are still using styrofoam. They say they only use it for certain wet things or when people are taking food home. Howard suggested maybe giving the vendors some compostable paper containers to prove they work and then telling them where they can purchase them. Sophia said her husband had suggested they might order all their supplies from a company that doesn't carry compostable containers. Tim said most do carry them but there is a dramatic cost

difference. Vendors might need to increase their prices to cover the cost. It was agreed to encourage vendors to try compostable containers and encourage people to bring their own containers. It was agreed that there is no need to ask people to take used styrofoam containers home with them rather than throwing them into the TNL garbage as they end up in the garbage either way.

Howard said he is working on getting access to the water spigot. He will find out whether the water is potable and ask about getting a key.

Each “greening station” will have a container for deposit cans and bottles, a container for trash, a container for recycling and a bucket for compostable materials. Howard said it would be a good idea for the committee to buy a box of industrial 35-gallon bags. He suggested providing folding chairs for the people monitoring the greening stations.

There was discussion about how well the announcer could be heard. At times some announcements were hard to hear in the back. Tim said he could in theory add delays but it would be a lot of work and would require another set of speakers further back. Howard suggested giving the announcer more treble might help.

A committee member asked what to call the thing where people from the audience can submit notes to be read. “Notes from the crowd” was suggested and agreed upon.

Howard suggested having a sign telling people where to come if they have questions or problems. One committee member suggested it could say “TNL Committee.” Another committee member suggested it would be good to have a lost and found. It was suggested that there could be an announcement every week telling people that if they have questions, want to write a note from the crowd or want to make a donation they should go to the bread oven.

There was discussion about putting out a lock box for donations or going around with a bucket. Joie said she prefers a donation box. People might not be sure that a kid collecting with a bucket is really collecting for TNL. It was suggested that the announcer could tell people where to make a donation.

Howard said Elly told him LRSWMD has banners but they don’t have way to hang them. After he sees them next week he can figure out a way to hang them.

Howard said he will make a template for announcements. Joie suggested reminding people to carry out what they carry in, such as beer cans.

Howard showed the group some carryout containers. It was agreed to have them for sale at TNL.

It was agreed that the approach with vendors this year regarding styrofoam should be gentle pressure. The committee decided to purchase some compostable containers for vendors to try.

**Sophia moved to purchase a case of 300 compostable takeout containers from Greenpaperproducts.com at a cost of \$89.72, Tim seconded and the motion was passed.**

More posters will be printed and brought to the next TNL. The town is printing them for the committee.

Howard said the band on Tuesday brought over some CD's and posters to sell. He thinks it is fine for the committee to sell items for the bands. We should have a cash box. Joie said she could get a locking bank bag. Howard said he would prefer something bigger and harder to steal. The committee agreed to handle sales for the bands.

The committee discussed whether to pay extra for shipping in an attempt to get the compostable containers before the next TNL and decided not to.

Howard asked if we have room for other vendors. Casey has spoken to a couple of vendors who could be interested and who serve different foods from those provided by the existing vendors. Others said there is room for more. The committee agreed not to pro-rate the fee for any additional vendors as the fee is low compared to what they can make.

Howard said he got an email from a community member asking about providing free chair massage at TNL. Another committee member said someone had also approached her about giving free massages. Joie said if someone is providing something for free it is usually because they are trying to get future paying business. If we let one person do it, then do we let everyone who wants to? The committee agreed TNL should just be for food, music and information from non-profits. However, if one attendee wants to give a massage to another attendee with consent the committee doesn't need to be involved.

It was agreed to buy 50 compostable containers to bring on Tuesday. Howard will bring reusable containers for the committee to sell.

Tim moved to adjourn at 7:55, Mara seconded and the motion was passed.

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*