

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

Present: Tim Mikovitz, Howard Romero, Joie Lehouillier, Mara Siegel (by phone), Jay Stanton (by phone)

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

At 7:10 a quorum was still not present but Howard started going through some of the agenda items with Tim and Joie. He said he met with Elly Ventura of LRSWMD and called Black Dirt Compost. Both approved of the idea of having a single place under a tent with a light to collect all trash, recycling and compost. Howard suggested having a table for people to put their trash on and a person to sort it. Joie said she thinks it would be good to get volunteers to do the sorting. Tim suggested those who need to do community service, for instance high school students, could do it. Howard said Boy Scouts also require community service.

Howard said the owner of Black Dirt said they bring dishes to other venues and ask people to wash their own dishes and apparently that is working great. However, the state ANR is concerned about disposal of wastewater at Legion Field. Tim suggested we could build a water bottle filler which can only be used for filling bottles. That would mean no wastewater. Howard said washing dishes would be problematic because there would be wastewater.

Howard said Black Dirt now picks up from VSC, the elementary school and he thinks the college. They charge about \$20 to pick up one tote and they provide a bin. If the food containers are reasonably similar in shape and size we can nest them to take up less space in the bin. We need to make sure vendors use BPI certified containers. Joie said even if the containers break down she wonders if the compost can be used by organic growers. Tim said he thinks BPI certification means that they are organic safe.

Howard said his presentation to the selectboard went very well. They took the suggestion that we may need five portable toilets. They were appreciative. He told them that the number of TNL attendees ranged from 200 to 750 or 800. He told them that the committee will be working on a mission statement and policies, that we created levels of sponsorship and that we will be using Black Dirt. He suggested it would be good to have a bike rack at Tuesday Night Live. He described the the setup he saw in use at the waterfront in Burlington where bikes are hung by their seats. Something like that would be cheap to make.

Mara and Jay joined the meeting by phone at 7:24 and Howard called the meeting to order.

By consent the board approved a director's order in the amount of \$46.00 to pay Donna Griffiths.

It was agreed to postpone minutes approval until the next meeting.

Howard explain to Mara and Jay that he had met with Elly and Black Dirt and has a rough plan for dealing with trash, recycling and compost for next year. He said the selectboard praised the committee and agreed to five portable toilets for next year. He doesn't know who will pay for them.

Jen Burton is planning to resign so we are looking for at least one new committee member. Howard suggested that people think about possible names.

Howard said Tim would like more circuits on the stage. He will approach an electrician about adding some.

Howard asked who he should have bands talk to if they are interested in being on the schedule for next year. Mara suggested sending them to Sophie. Howard said he is telling people that we won't make any decisions about bands until next spring.

Howard said we won't start work on the mission statement tonight but he asked committee members to think about it.

We have a balance of \$3,175, about the same as when we took over.

Howard said he thinks we are outgrowing the current format for displaying sponsor names. He and Tim took the sponsor signs down. The site is all packed up for the year. Electronics are in storage at the municipal building.

It was agreed that the next meeting will be October 17.

Tim moved to adjourn at 7:32, Joie seconded and the motion was passed

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths