

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
ALL PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM TELECONFERENCING
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

Present: Howard Romero, Mara Siegel, Joie Lehouillier, Tim Mikovitz

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Howard noted an error in the February 27 minutes. In the discussion on drones, “registered with the FDA” should be changed to “registered with the FAA.” **Tim moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2020 with the recommended change, Mara seconded and the motion was passed.**

Mara said she has not sent letters to potential sponsors yet. She thought the committee should have a conversation about it. She could send out a letter saying that if we collect money and don’t use it this year we could use it next year. But she wants to be sensitive about businesses that are struggling now.

Tim said he doesn’t see us being able to gather in a group that size this year. Howard said neither does he. Joie said she doesn’t see how it would happen this summer.

The committee discussed how quickly the TNL season could be pulled together if the committee learned it was possible to have concerts. Mara said she thinks Sophie has booked all or most of the bands. It depends on if they are still available. As far as vendors, she thinks it wouldn’t be too hard to pull that part together. As far as sponsors, she doesn’t know but we already have some money in the bank. We could afford at least a shortened version, if not the whole thing. She thinks we could pull it together in a month. Tim agreed.

The committee agreed not to try to gather money from businesses now. Howard asked if anyone has given us money yet for this year. Mara said no.

Howard asked, if we found out we could have concerts in August, would we want to try that? Tim said he thinks we should remain agile and revisit the question if the possibility becomes a reality, whether it is weekly concerts or maybe two big concerts with multiple bands. Mara said she is sure bands will be wanting to perform. She is sure we can find some bands. Tim said if vendors are still in business they will want to be there.

Joie said she was thinking of reaching out to see if food vendors still want to come to Johnson once a week.

Howard said we can’t limit the size of our crowd in any meaningful way. In a way that makes the decision simpler. We can push this off until fall. Maybe there could be one or two concerts then. Tom said if groups are able to gather in the fall we can discuss whether to have fall foliage concerts or maybe invest in infrastructure for the following season or maybe have twice the

talent next year. Howard said maybe we could add June next year. Or maybe we could hire bigger bands, Tim suggested. Or hire the same bands with bigger paychecks, Mara suggested.

Joie asked if we are going to put out any information about what is happening. Mara said she thought we would post on Facebook that we don't know. Howard asked if it can also be posted on Front Porch Forum. Joie said there will soon be a Johnson Connect website and she can make sure it goes there.

It was agreed to reserve June 21 for a possible meeting, though it may not be needed if there is no change.

Tim moved to adjourn, Mara seconded, the motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths