

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
ALL PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM TELECONFERENCING
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

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

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:02.

By consent, the committee approved paying Donna Griffiths \$18.80 for the previous meeting and whatever her invoice is for this meeting, up to \$40.

Howard asked where we stand with bands. Sophie said as far as she knows the 4 bands are still booked but she hasn't been pursuing other bands. We have 4 bookings, one for every other week.

The committee discussed the possibility of a virtual TNL. Tim said the beauty of TNL is the community-oriented interaction. To have that, a virtual concert would need to be on a platform like Zoom where everyone could be interacting, but then it's less about the music. It's a challenging thing to reproduce online. It would be great to have a band on the gazebo and film from there, but by doing that we would basically be inviting people to come onto the field. We would basically have to do any filming in a secret location. That robs the whole spirit of it for him. Howard said Tom Moog said essentially the same thing; the experience of TNL just doesn't translate that well onto watching something on a screen.

Tim said it will be officially announced next week that Northern Vermont University will have a drive-in concert and movie series on campus in the parking lot. It will be weekly, starting July 11. There will be music one week alternating with a movie the next week. The cost will be \$20 a carload. He pitched doing a final free jamboree with the food trucks and maybe that could be a TNL-branded community event. He is hoping at that point we will have looser restrictions in terms of gatherings. The sound for the series will be on FM; there will be no ambient speakers. Community members can tune in at home to listen to the music on the college radio station without buying tickets. For movies, because of copyright issues, the sound will be lower wattage just contained to the parking lot area.

Sophie said she wonders if we want to write to the bands we booked and see if they want to perform at the college series instead. Tim said he is happy to incorporate whoever they can at the college. It remains to be seen exactly what their series will look like. Maybe restrictions will open up. Howard said he thinks if we can open up at all it won't be until August. Tim said the college series will be on Saturdays. *(Joie joined the meeting at 7:13.)*

Howard said he can help with the college series and he hopes other TNL committee members can as well. He asked if there will be food there. Tim said no. They are trying to keep it as simple as possible because they don't want people congregating. As restrictions evolve they will see what happens. The idea of providing car service for food has been suggested.

Mara said the Historical Society relies on money from pie sales. It would be nice if there were a way they could still sell pies. Tim suggested maybe they could set up on Legion Field and provide takeout service for those attending the events at the college. Howard said there is plenty of room for social distancing at Legion Field for people standing in line for food. Tim suggested maybe the TNL vendors could set up there before the college shows.

Howard said he hopes the TNL committee can find some way to be part of the college series.

Tim moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2020, Sophie seconded and the motion was passed.

The committee agreed that TNL is not necessarily cancelled. The committee is remaining flexible and may do something later in the summer.

It was agreed to schedule a Zoom meeting for June 11.

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

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths