JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Dean Locke, Peter Hammond, Denise Ashman

Absent: Noel Dodge, Carrie Watson, Jackie Stanton, Jared Jasinski

The October minutes were approved. The meeting started at 7:00 in order to accommodate late arrivals.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Dean reports one expenditure of \$50 for AVCC dues.

PROJECTS, PROGRAMS: UPDATES

Youtube: Peter hadn't yet found out about a youtube channel, but will pursue it for the December meeting.

Picnic table at Beard's: Dean reset the footings so it is staying in place and is going to coordinate with the road crew to drop stone for its base. Someone created a rock/junk pile at the waterline with no apparent reason. Dean removed it.

Also at Beard's: someone damaged a tree with what appears to be a hatchet and a large rock has been moved. We need signage explaining fines for tree vandalism and to explain why rocks shouldn't be moved.

Recreation Management Plan: It needs to move forward. We can draw on data from Arrowwood's Natural Resource Survey and the Community Values project. Lois suggested getting input from all the groups in town and creating a document from that information. Discussion about the intention and goal of our plan led to the need to change the title to a Land Management Plan, which might be clearer.

In an effort to clarify the issue, Sue will locate the plan from a Vermont town that she saw and will bring it to the December meeting.

NEW PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

We never got to this and will take it up at the next meeting.

MISC:

- A long discussion explored the state of Johnson and what might be done about it. It had nothing to do with conservation.
- We looked at a picture of a bridge at the Krusch Preserve that Jackie sent and decided that its style wasn't appropriate to the Journey's End bridge.
- Lois suggested locating an ash on Prindle that might be treated for ash borer and be the star of a video about treatment. It could grow into a legacy tree.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34

Next meeting is on Thursday, December 8, at the Municipal Building at 6:30. Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary