

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 11, 2023

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Jackie Stanton, Dean Locke, Jared Jasinski, Denise Ashford, Peter Hammond

Absent: Noel Dodge, Aurora River

The April minutes were approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

At the June meeting, Dean will have a printout of the budget from Rosemary.

Upcoming expenditures will include deck board for bat houses and brush hogging at Gomo. Sue will contact Ryan Spear for an estimate for Gomo.

#### TOWN PLAN UPDATE

The Planning Commission is working on the new plan and has asked the CC for their thoughts. Predictably, we had plenty:

- Add protection of McCuin Island
- Advise the PC about the Natural Resource Inventory and its valuable data
- We need the date that Beard's was conserved
- Identify roads with scenic views. They're noted in the Roadside Project
- There should be a list of town properties

#### POLLINATOR PROJECT

No tilling yet.

#### MAINTENANCE

A work day is planned for Sunday, June 11, at 9:00. The bat houses will be erected. Dean and Jared will have all the materials and Peter will leave the houses in front of his garage on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Peter offered to clean out the firepit at Beard's. Jackie reports that she checked out Journey's End, which looks good.

Dean says we need to add material under the Beard's picnic table; a plan will be established at the June meeting. The road crew will drop material and fabric on site for us to use.

Dean and Peter will make a plan for mowing and weed-whacking through the summer at Beard's.

#### ASH TREE PRESERVATION

It's not settled yet but Sue is on it.

#### BAT VIDEO

The script is in and costumes are ordered. Lois and Sue are practicing batspeak.

## MISC

- On May 6, somebody left oil on the road at Journey's End. The road crew should be notified about cleaning it up.
- The Gihon drops 240 feet from North Hyde Park to the Lamoille.

## TOWN PLAN UPDATE CONTINUED at Planning Commission meeting

At 7:50, Sue, Lois, and Dean went to the Planning Commission meeting taking place at the municipal building, which was being facilitated by Meghan Rodier, from Lamoille County Planning Commission.

- Meghan will create a table of Johnson's town owned properties that are available to the public.
- She also asked Lois to send a writeup about McCuin Island to LCPC.
- She agreed to consider Johnson's Natural Resource Inventory and the Community Survey results and
- We agreed to come up with a couple of paragraphs summarizing our work and listing our conserved properties.
- They will consider our recommendations, with particular emphasis on wildlife and vernal pools.

Adjourned JCC at 7:50 followed by Planning Commission until 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Sue Lovering

Next meeting is at the Library on June 8, 2023 at 6:30