

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 12, 2023
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Dean Locke, Denise Ashman, Noel Dodge, Aurora River. Absent: Peter Hammond, Jared Jasinski, Jackie Stanton.

September minutes were approved.

Additions to agenda: Land Management Form from the Tree Board

Discuss planting trees in future green spaces for flood abatement

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is still no report available.

JOURNEY'S END PROPOSAL BY VRC

The Vermont River Conservancy's Remy Crettol has contacted us about improvements he identified during his unaccompanied annual visit to Journey's End. Among smaller changes, he requested a 12' bridge over a stream we can't envision, so we'll arrange to meet with him and discuss the items on his list. He also suggested replacing the vandalized picnic table. We decided against that, as no one wants to provide another vandalism opportunity.

A motion was passed to approve expenditure up to \$800, depending on our agreement with proposed improvements.

BEARD'S RECREATION

Dean and the Public Works Dept. will spread staymat and anchor the picnic table at some point.

BEE THE CHANGE

There has been no word from Bee the Change about whether they've done the second tilling. Denise will contact them regarding their intentions. They had promised us a detailed plan but it never materialized.

BAT HOUSE INSTALLATION

It won't happen this year. A June 14, 2024 work date was set at the Arboretum, starting at 6:30.

GOMO TOWN FOREST

The brush hogging is done and it's felt that Ryan Speer did a better job than the last two brush hogs.

A work day was set for apple tree release on Saturday, April 13, 2024, with the 20th and 27th saved as backup dates in the event of bad weather.

As for the eternal kiosk, we agreed to ask VASA to transport and install it, and post the ATV and other rules on it.

What to do about ATVers who are doing new and creative damage along the roads at Gomo? First, we'll invite administrator Tom Galinat to the November meeting and discuss the problem with him, as he'll oversee the future meeting with key players in the problem.

BAT VIDEO

Filming is done and Lois and Sue are waiting for the completed masterpiece.

AUDUBON PRINTS

The Historical Society will do an Antiques Roadshow type get-together on the fourth Sunday in October. We all agreed that we should bring a few of the prints along for an estimate.

LAND MANAGEMENT FORM

The Tree Board proposes to install a 12' wooden arched bridge over the Checkerberry Brook at the Arboretum. They were advised that a state permit is necessary. They'll look into that and follow up at the next CC meeting.

MISC

- An egg can blow the door off a microwave. Stick with the JCC for scientific marvels.

Adjourned at 8:32.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary

Next meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2023