

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2023

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

The November minutes were approved.

UPCOMING TOWN REPORT

These thoughts were suggested to be included in the annual Conservation Commission report for the town report, which will be written by Lois:

- Expand on the Land Management Form; explain why we created it
- Bee the Change project
- Collaboration with the ATV club on the use of the road in Gomo Town Forest in April
- Bat houses
- Improvements at Beard's: picnic table, railings
- Advise road crew on roadside mowing
- March Gladness
- Ash trees treated
- Journey's End improvements planned for spring, 2024

GOMO

Lois sent a proposal to UVM that their students might do an ecologically informed natural resource plan for us. She hasn't heard back, so will follow up with a call. The question is where we might find some money for it.

JOURNEY'S END

After many months and promises, the railing on the JE bridge is still not fixed. We decided to remove it. Lois will ask someone outside the CC to do it.

BAT PROJECTS

There's still no word from the videographer about the movie.

JCC CONTACT UPDATE

The CC email address is still not working and our resident techie (Administrator Peter) reports that, after an aggravatingly long effort on the phone trying to get it fixed, the town's tech people can't figure it out. So maybe we need to think about going rad with a free gmail address.

AUDUBON COLLECTION

This wasn't discussed, as the Christmas party beckoned. More to the point, Dean's fabulous dessert concoction was a siren, calling from the buffet table, with a more irresistible force than any ancient Greek sailor ever encountered.

MISC

- A UVM student is cataloguing town forests and developing a survey about them. Noel is in the loop and will report results to us.
- The Northern Canoe Trail folks want to build a stone access on the Lamoille on Lendway Lane that would change the flow of the water. At which point do we step in with a request for a Land Management overview? No consensus was reached.
- We had a swell Christmas potluck that included something yumyum and lots of happy holiday camaraderie from everybody. Noel's Swedish meatballs scored high, as did Jackie's imported Long Island Pizza Crumb. You've just got to love something called Pizza Crumb.
- In the future, we need to remember to turn the heat up before the meeting, not think about it at the end.

Adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary

Next meeting is on January 11, 2024, at the temporary library at the Masonic Temple.