

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
9 May 2024

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Noel Dodge, Peter Hammond, Dean Locke Jackie Stanton. Absent: Jared Jasinski, Johna Keefe

Lois called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm

The April minutes were approved – Jackie moved, Peter seconded, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report

Lois reported that the Selectboard voted in favor of Johna Keefe joining the Conservation Commission. Welcome Johna!

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB PROPOSAL

The Selectboard gave their blessing (legal approval was not required) to the Green Mountain Club's acquisition of The Paquin property. The Conservation Commission gave its blessing at our last meeting and voiced its support at the Selectboard meeting. To review: (thanks Sue) The Paquin land is a 13-acre parcel on Plot Rd. that contains part of the Long Trail. It is being acquired by the Green Mountain Club, who will conserve it and protect it with a state management plan. This will include a 500' corridor along the trail. The parcel is one of the last pieces of un-conserved land along the Long Trail and the GMC has been tracking it for 40 years.

The Bat Tea Party video should be posted on the Conservation Commission's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

THE AVCC grant application was denied. The Selectboard had approved the application after the fact.

JOURNEY'S END will be the beneficiary of a work-day May 24-25, organized by the Vermont River Conservancy. It was agreed that we would cover the cost of materials and they would provide the labor. More details will be announced as the date approaches.

ECOLOGICALLY INFORMED MANAGEMENT PLAN – We still have not heard from our County Forester. Mike Green (also a Forester) has offered to take a look at the Gomo property. He is willing to go for a walk with any Commission members. The date and time of the walk will be organized via email. The question was asked, "Do we have a Stand map." The temporary secretary did not record an answer.

GOMO BOUNDARY QUESTION – It appears the Barups have mistakenly begun to use the town property. Lois will try to get a phone number for the Slaytons who might have a phone number for the Barups. A map with Gomo Town Forest boundaries is needed.

FRIENDS AND HELPERS LIST – Dean is working on it.

RARE PLANT SURVEY – Contacts are being made.

VERMONT CONSERVATION DESIGN

Contacts are being made to set a date for Jens Hilke to give a talk.

POLLINATOR GARDEN – Seeding will take place sometime in the Spring.

AUDUBON COLLECTION – No progress.

Adjourned at 7:45

Submitted by Peter Hammond substituting for Secretary Sue Lovering who we hope will be able to use her right hand again very soon!