

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2024

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Noel Dodge, Dean Locke, Jared Jasinski, Johna Keefe
Absent: Peter Hammond, Jackie Stanton
Guests: Mike Green, Adrian Schmidt, Beck

The May minutes were approved. Thanks, Peter, for writing them!

NEW BAT HOUSES

This meeting took place at the Johnson Arboretum at the picnic table. After the business end of things, Noel, Dean, Jared, and Adrian erected the second set of houses there while the rest of us supervised.

JOURNEY'S END UPDATE

VRC volunteers completed the puncheons and bridge railing today. Laraway agreed to make two benches rather than the picnic table; one is already done.

Due to someone climbing on it or Sasquatch, the roof of the kiosk has mysteriously hit the ground. The kiosk is fine, so we'll put it back up.

A hanging branch needs to be taken down.

GOMO

Forester Mike Green walked Gomo with Lois, in preparation for updating the management plan.

EMAIL LIST

Dean reports that the list is almost complete and suggested that he could put a signup sheet on Beard's kiosk.

NEW RULES

The state has decided that all groups must record their meetings, as well as present by zoom. We agreed that the town should provide a place to meet along with the technology to make that happen, since most of us haven't the time, money, or expertise for it.

POLLINATOR GARDEN

Bee the Change's Mike Kiernen says he'll spread the seed after June 20, after tilling the cover crop. Johna will keep an eye on it.

CONSERVATION DESIGN TALK

The Library has a grant to present a program at Jenna's House and it has been suggested that we partner with them. That would be a good venue for Jens' talk about VCD. Sue will contact him to see about moving our date with him from August to September.

MISC

- The bat video, The Bat House Crunch, is done. Lois will send it to Noel to put on our youtube channel and facebook page. Since it's so timely, we ought to put the Don't Move Firewood video out there again.

- The Vermont Rural Development group will facilitate 'Reimagine Johnson' on July 22, consisting of an opportunity for folks to make suggestions about how Johnson can improve and move forward. A dinner will be included with the discussions.
- The River Conservancy is wondering where the boundary is at Beard's Recreation, since there's knotweed near it. We think the weed is on the Sweetser property. Nothing is slated to be mowed there except a strip on each side of the non-gravel path in.
- The journal at Beard's disappeared and Lois replaced it.

Adjourned at 8:40 after a successful bat house raising.

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

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary