

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 8, 2024

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Peter Hammond, Dean Locke, Adrian Schmidt, Jackie Stanton  
Absent: Noel Dodge, Jared Jasinski, Johnna Keefe

There was no July meeting, due to lack of quorum.  
The June minutes were approved.

#### BEARD'S RECREATION ACTIVITIES

At 6:30, we started the meeting at Beard's getting the path weed-whacked, repositioning the picnic table, repairing a path by rerouting runoff, and taking the journal holder home for cleaning. We finished just as the rain went from normally falling to a deluge and repaired to the library looking like a bunch of drowned river creatures.

#### JOURNEY'S END

Adrian has been appointed the JE steward. The VRC's work at JE is still unfinished. Laraway built and installed two benches. Since people move them, we voted to install earth anchors. Dean will order two sets at +/- \$27. The firepit and an upright rock in the trail have yet to be removed; Adrian will/\* take care of them.

There are four pieces of leftover lumber that can be used for an additional step to the little bridge near the kiosk.

#### ECOLOGICALLY INFORMED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Lois will appear at the next Selectboard meeting with a packet about this plan and its importance. We need to keep talking about it.

#### EMAIL LIST

Dean has finished a survey with a QR code and will send it to us for feedback. He'll print/post it around town and on Front Porch Forum to collect names and contacts in order to keep folks informed about the JCC's activities.

#### TALK ON VERMONT CONSERVATION DESIGN

We discussed having Jens' talk at Jenna's Promise so that it can be recorded and accommodate a larger group. We could advertise across the county. Sue will talk to Jens to see if he'll do a Sunday afternoon and when he's available. If necessary, we can change our meeting date to coincide with his talk.

#### POLLINATOR GARDENS

Bee the Change tilled but we don't know if they seeded. Communication from them has been lax. Adrian borrowed a truck and picked up a rented a U-Haul trailer, hauled Sue's mower to Wescom and Sue and Lois mowed the edges of the two patches. Adrian returned the trailer and gets a high-five for giving up a lovely Sunday morning. It's late in the season to seed now, so we may have to let it grow naturally.

#### GOMO BOUNDARY

No follow up yet but now that the municipal building is open, we can check out the lower boundary on their maps.

#### AUDUBON COLLECTION

In the many years these bird prints have been languishing in Lois' guest room, no progress has been made in getting them valued. It's time they moved on. Sue will talk to Scanlon's Estate Sales to see if they'll appraise them. It was suggested we hang a couple in the library with price tags or, display them at Town Meeting, or sell them on ebay. Ideas, anyone?

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Submitted by Sue Lovering, secretary

Next meeting will be at the Library at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, September 12, 2024