

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2024

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Noel Dodge, Peter Hammond, Johna Keefe, Adrian Schmidt
Absent: Jackie Stanton, Jared Jasinski, Dean Locke
Guests: Jane Marshall, Ticona Masson, Dede Crettol

The September minutes were approved with the removal of the second miscellaneous item regarding recording our meetings.

Added to the agenda: Johna will present on rain gardens to the Beautification Committee.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The April talk on birds will be set for Saturday, April 26, 2025.

GOMO TOWN FOREST

Peter researched the Gomo boundaries and met with Tom Galinat to discuss them. He has found that there is no map of the entire parcel, but that only parts of it are mapped. One map shows a stream on the boundary but there's no proof that it is correct.

A motion was made and passed that we should ask the town to have a lawyer look into it or to have a survey done of the property.

VERMONT CONSERVATION DESIGN

Jens Hilke presented an interesting and detailed explanation of Conservation Design to us and our guests that involves a new concept of non-regulatory development that combines building and connectivity. Theoretically, it supports climate resilience, acclimation of wildlife to change, working landscapes, and social and economic values. The function of a place should determine where development should happen. VCD relies on Biofinder for information. However, as valuable as VCD can be, a hands-on resource inventory is still considered a superior store of knowledge.

Jens assured us that he'll always be available to help with this.

Jens' talk and our meeting ended at 8:00.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at the Library at 6:30.