

JOHNSON TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

**Present:** Howard Romero, Sophia Berard, Tim Mikovitz, Tom Moog, Geoff Hollis, Charles Flaum

**Note:** All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:05.

**Tim moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2025, Charles seconded and the motion was passed.**

Sophia said she has spoken to Jasmine Yuris, Jeanne Engel and Peter Hammond (the selectboard liaison to the library board.) (*Tom and Geoff arrived at 7:07.*) They are hoping to move the library on April 19. If that doesn't work, they are thinking about the end of the school year in June. There are a lot of uncertainties around their project but after talking to Peter, who talked to Tom Galinat, it sounds to Sophia like it is recommended that we find another location based on staging and safety. Tom and Peter suggested that once we decide on another location it would be a courtesy to let the selectboard know. If we choose another location we no longer have to be concerned with what the timeline is for the library project.

The committee discussed options for the 2025 season. There are potential issues with using Moog's Joint or the college. Committee members felt the Field Days site was too far away. Old Mill Park doesn't have power, but Tim said his business could provide generators and a mobile stage.

It was decided to plan two large shows with two bands each at Old Mill Park. The overall cost for the season would be about the same with the cost of generators and a portable stage, but fewer shows.

Howard suggested not charging vendors this year. Charles and Tim said they think we should still charge them. They feel they will make a lot of money at the shows since they will be large.

There was discussion about where to put the sponsor signs at Old Mill Park. Sophia suggested the stage could be put in the backstop and signs could go on the backstop. Tim said the stage has room for scrim advertising sponsors.

The committee needs to check with town recreation to make sure no other use of the fields is scheduled on the chosen dates, which are July 15 and August 12.

Charles asked about how big the library construction area will be. Sophia said it will come right up to the back of the bandstand. Howard said the current design calls for the library building to be very close to the bandstand so he is thinking of moving the bandstand to the corner by the backstop. No one uses the ball field currently.

Howard said he learned about \$30K in grant funds that Randall Szott says is available for the TNL committee to use. The money is meant to improve Legion Field. Charles said he will ask Randall for more information about it. Sophia said if the grant is for Legion Field and not TNL specifically, we need to consider other groups that use the field, like the oven committee. Tom asked if Howard thinks the grant funds would be used up by covering the cost of moving the bandstand. Howard said he thinks that would

use all or most of it. Tom said he wants to see more infrastructure at the field, like 200 amps at the stage and lighting. Howard said he would like a better water setup.

Tim asked, if we have to move the bandstand can grant money for the library move be used to cover that cost? Howard said he will look into that.

Howard said he needs to find out how people feel about having vehicles on the fields at Old Mill Park. He is thinking we could have the stage at the north end of the far field and put the vendors on the soccer field.

It was agreed to plan the shows for 5:30 to 7:00 and 7:30 to 9:00.

We will need lighting. Tim suggested asking Johnson Hardware and Rental to convert their sponsorship to providing lighting towers. Vendors will need to provide their own power.

**Sophia moved to discuss with the town using Old Mill Park as an alternative location for Tuesday Night Live on July 15 and August 12. The motion was passed.**

We need to get permission from the town to use Old Mill Park. Sophia can go to a selectboard meeting to talk to them about it. Tim will contact Alan Lehouiller to see if light towers will be available on the dates we chose. Charles will email Eben Patch about getting on the selectboard agenda. Howard will talk to Isabelle Sullivan.

Tom brought up a possible safety concern about the Lamoille River next to Old Mill Park. Other committee members pointed out that kids already play at the park. Sophia said it is open and visible so it is easy for parents to see where their kids are.

Geoff asked if the new location will make a difference to liability or insurance. Charles said the town will decide that. Tim said we are on town property at both Legion Field and Old Mill Park.

Tom brought up the idea of having activities for kids in the field next to the field with the stage. Sophia said as a parent she would not want kid activities to be in a separate field. Maybe there could be activities parallel to the playground or in front of it.

We will try to get on the selectboard agenda for March 3. Howard and Sophia will plan to go to the meeting.

There was discussion about parking. Howard said the town gravel dump just down the street is another place people can park. People can't park on the field because large stones block access. Tom asked about how the stage and vendors could get onto the field. Howard said there is a gate they will be able to go through.

Howard said he thinks the committee's cash on hand is about \$8K.

Sophia still has the thank you cards to sponsors to send out. Tim found sponsor addresses for her to use. The committee talked about including a note explaining that we plan to have two big shows this year.

Sophia said she hasn't gone over the surveys yet,

Tim said he can send out information on what is possible for stage scrimms to show sponsors.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00.

There was discussion about whether the committee should set a deadline for possibly pivoting back to an 8 show season if it turns out the library move will not happen. It was agreed to reassess at the March 11 meeting and to wait until after that meeting to send out information to sponsors about a change in plans.

**It was moved and seconded to adjourn and the motion was passed at 8:30.**

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*

UNAPPROVED