

JOHNSON TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

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

**Absent:** Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Charles Flaum

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

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:08.

**Sophia moved to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024 and the motion was seconded and passed.**

It was agreed that committee members will continue with the same assignments they had last year.

Howard said this year TNL will start on July 8 and finish up on August 26. There will be 8 weeks.

Geoff arrived at 7:18.

Howard reviewed what is happening with the library project. The Johnson Town Library got a grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries to move the library from its current position. Adjacent to Legion Field is the best location option. A mover has been lined up. The move is scheduled to happen around April 15. An architectural firm, Silver Ridge Design, has been hired to draw up plans for the building. They haven't hired a general contractor yet. No one has indicated that the bandstand will be compromised after the project is over.

Geoff asked where the heavy machinery will be stationed. Howard said he talked to Silver Ridge and told them the contract for construction really needs to include a line on the field beyond which there can be no staging of machinery. That line will probably be close to the back of the bandstand.

Sophia suggested that the TNL committee meet with the library board to support them and figure out whether we need to adjust for the year in some way, such as moving to a different field for this season.

Howard said he thinks there is room to stage on the library site.

The committee discussed coming up with a Plan B if it appears that construction will interfere with TNL. Sophia said she thinks it is important to meet with the library board and find out how much space they will need for staging. She can reach out to someone on the board and find out when their next meeting is. The committee discussed other possible locations – Moog's Joint, Old Mill Park and the college. Howard said there is no power at Old Mill Park.

Johnny Betts charged \$800 last year and wants \$900 this year. Howard asked Tim what Darkstar would charge. Tim said probably \$3500 per event. If we gave them the whole season that might go down to \$2500 per event. He thinks \$900 is reasonable. Howard said that amount is reflected in the committee budget he gave the town. The committee agreed \$900 is reasonable.

Tom and Sophia will work on band selection. Sophie mentioned some suggestions she has gotten.

Tom said he would like to start asking for sponsorships as soon as possible. Howard said he is reasonably sure the big sponsors are all going to sponsor again.

Tom asked if the thank you notes to sponsors went out. Sophia said no. They can go out as a jumpstart to the next giving season. She will send them out before the next meeting. Charles was going to try to get addresses for all the sponsors but she hasn't gotten those from him. Tim volunteered to try to find sponsor addresses.

Geoff mentioned one food truck that is for sale. Other than that, it appears the vendors will all be the same.

Sophia said she will have the survey results to share by the next meeting.

Howard said he thinks it is a good idea for committee members all to consult the same weather apps. He has added one called Windy in addition to WeatherBug. Sophia suggested using group texts to talk about weather, like last year.

It was agreed to tentatively schedule the next meeting for February 19 but to make sure Charles can attend.

The committee discussed the concept of booking a band requested by a community member if the community member is willing to pay for the band. They agreed that could be done, within reason.

Tom said we need to keep some folding chairs in the bandstand. Twice last year he needed to borrow chairs from the Historical Society. Tim said he can bring some chairs.

Howard said we have about maxed out on space for sponsor signs but we haven't started using the backstop yet. Tom suggested we could use the type of signs that are used for political candidates. Howard said those tend to blow away. Tom suggested we could continue to use the signs we have but use the signs that can be stuck into the ground if we need to add signs. Tim said if we have to be flexible with space maybe we should not use the large wooden signs this year. Howard said he thinks we can use the backstop. Tim and Sophia said that is not an ideal location. People don't look that way. Howard said if we need to we could put the brackets in front of the signs to give more space.

Tom said he has some safety concerns with construction going on next to Legion Field. Howard said he thinks the state and town will want them to fence the project. Tom said he thinks kids will run into the road to go around the construction area. Howard said he thinks the sidewalk will not be included inside the fence.

Howard said he will go to the next design meeting for the library.

Tom said he doesn't think Moog's Joint would be a good location for TNL because it is so close to Route 15 and there are so many kids. Geoff said the river is also a hazard for kids. Committee members agreed that the college seems to be the best alternative location if one is needed.

Tim moved to adjourn, Sophia seconded and the motion was passed at 8:30.

*Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths*