

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2025

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

The December minutes were approved.  
Johna added raingardens to the agenda.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

There is no report from Rosemary. Nothing was spent.  
Our budget balance will be rolled over to the new fiscal year on July 1.

#### LEADERSHIP FOR PROJECTS

A discussion was had about CC members taking leadership on individual projects. It would be a good way to get things accomplished and will be applied to future projects.

#### CONSERVATION INFO FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Following up on December's discussion about letting folks know who we are and what we do, we agreed to post a Front Porch Forum piece every two weeks about anything the person posting wants to talk about. In the next month, Jackie will post first, followed by Johna two weeks later. Sue volunteered to do the following month.

Also in December, we decided to produce two brochures; one about the process of developing anything on town land, and one about what we do, what we know, and how we can help the public. Dean will send us a rough draft of the first brochure tomorrow (January 10). He will want us to send him pictures.

We agreed that it would be desirable to have these available at Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 4.

#### GOMO TOWN FOREST

Lois spoke with Mike Green about the creation of a management plan and a cost to provide it; he will get back to her in a couple of weeks.

That plan should include the necessity for a logger to build a road.

#### POLLINATOR GARDENS

Bee the Change claims that they left signs when last they visited to seed and we have found neither signs nor seeds. We need Be the Change closure.

So it's fortunate that Johna spoke with Denise Green of Pollinator Pathways, who created the lovely pollinator patch in Hyde Park. She would like to attend our next meeting and speak with us about volunteering to add gardens. Maybe they could plant the ones we already have.

#### JCC CONTACT LIST UPDATE

Still not up or running.

#### WINTER PROGRAMS

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, we have Ethan Tapper speaking at Jenna's House at 1:00.

On Sunday, February 9, we'll meet at the mailboxes at NVU at 10:00 and snowshoe the trails, led by Noel and Dean.

#### AUDUBON COLLECTION

Sue has sent in the registration for us to sell the prints at the WOKO Expo Flea Market in Essex on Sunday, February 16. She has paid the \$30 fee for one 8' table. We have to be set up by 8:30, which makes morning liftoff the veritable crack of dawn. What won't we do for Conservation? (There's nothing we won't do.)

Sue, Lois, Noel, Dean, and perhaps Eben will all sell. All proceeds will go to the JCC reserve fund for land conservation.

#### REIMAGINE RECREATION ECONOMY COMMITTEE

Lois has informed the Recreation Economy Committee that Adrian will be the CC's liaison to their group, but has had no response.

#### RAIN GARDENS

Johna would like to install them in the village and asks where there are overflowing storm drains. The intersection of Pearl and Main was identified.

#### MISC

- The Fairy Forest sign at Journey's End needs to be redone.

#### ACTION LIST

- Dean will send a rough draft of the first brochure to CC members.
- Jackie and Johna will post CC info on Front Porch Forum, two weeks apart.
- Sue, Lois, Noel, and Dean will organize the Flea Market fundraiser.

Adjourned t 8:15

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary

Next meeting will be at the library at 6:30 on Thursday, February 13, 2025