

JOHNSON TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

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

Absent: Tom Moog

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:14.

Tim moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025, Charles seconded and the motion was passed.

Howard said the Legion Field group met with Joe Salerno and Kathy Black a week and a half ago. Joe and Kathy were adamant about not having the bandstand in their back yard. Sophia said she thinks they would like to be involved as stakeholders in any discussions about moving the bandstand. Selectboard member Adrienne Parker is asking all committees to come to a meeting on May 28. Members of the Legion Field group will be coming to ask how their group should be used and if they should be a town committee.

Sophia said it has been loosely agreed that we will move the bandstand out of the way to a temporary location. Howard said the plan is to move it and leave it on skids at the back of the park as soon as possible.

Sophia said there has been talk about whether the bandstand will even be used for TNL in the future. She had suggested the possibility of using the covered porch that will be attached to the library. Then maybe the bandstand could go to the old library site as a gazebo. *(Geoff arrived at 7:20.)* Howard said he is not sure the porch is deep enough. Sophia said it will be 9 ft. deep. Howard said we don't know how tall it will be or what the roof will look like. Tim suggested maybe concrete footings could be put in to allow a platform to be added on for TNL.

Geoff asked about the idea of just moving the bandstand 15 or 20 feet instead of all the way across the field. Others said that is a possibility. Tim said if we used the porch or an add-on for the bands, the existing bandstand could be used to sell merchandise, raffle tickets, etc. and as a green room. The committee talked about moving the bandstand near the area where the playground is now.

Howard said he has found someone who has moved buildings before to move the bandstand. He would like to do it soon. Before we can move the bandstand we have to dig out all around it so we can slide three beams under it. Howard needs to chop holes in the floor to detach the bandstand from the pilings. Then cross beams need to be put in place to stabilize it. We need to remove everything from the closet and take it down. The sponsor signs can go in Howard's barn. He will find a spot for the brackets. It will take about 3 hours to move the sponsor signs and he needs help. He is looking for someone to do the excavation around the perimeter. He will start chopping holes in the floor this coming week. Hilary Emick, who planted flowers around the bandstand last year, came and transplanted all the flowers over by the scoreboard. She can put them back once we know where the bandstand going. He will let people know when help is needed as he knows more.

Howard said he got an estimate of about \$12K for electrical work. Tim said he got a quote of \$1200 with a \$300 delivery fee for a 20 ft. storage container. Howard said the total of all costs is approaching the \$30K available. The town is supposedly going to do the leveling for the ice rink.

Sophia said we had talked about not using the \$30K Legion Field grant for Tuesday Night Live expenses. Howard agreed that is right. Sophia said that means we need to either raise the money to move the bandstand ourselves or try to get a grant for ourselves. There is \$30K in grant money allotted to Legion Field improvements. It was previously agreed that TNL would pay for moving the bandstand. It is used 8 days a year but Legion Field is a public space year round. The Legion Field group has talked about using the grant money to put a sign on the field, to do the electrical work and to buy the storage container. So the only TNL cost would be the \$5K to move the bandstand.

There was discussion about asking the town to pay for moving the bandstand, since it belongs to the town. Or if the TNL committee decides the bandstand is no longer needed, it would be the town's responsibility to dispose of it.

Howard said he heard from recreation director Isabelle Sullivan that she would prefer that we use the small soccer field at the top of Old Mill Park, not the field all the way to the left. He would like to walk the area with Tom to discuss where the stage would go. He suggested that he and Geoff visit the site and mark a few parking spots with white paint to get people started parking in the right pattern. The town is arranging for portable toilets. Howard has lights reserved at Johnson Hardware & Rental.

Sophia said she will reach out to Carrie about the poster.

Four vendors are confirmed and Sophia still needs to reach out to 3 others. She will reach out to the Historical Society to see if they are interested in selling food.

Sophia has one band lined up for the second date and is waiting to hear about another one. She mentioned some interested musicians who have reached out. Tim suggested the possibility of allowing acoustic buskers in the parking area. We would not pay them but would allow them to collect donations. Others thought that could be a good idea. Charles asked about allowing craftspeople too, but others said that has never been allowed and they don't feel it would be a good idea.

Charles asked about kids' activities. Sophia said she can review past emails and try to find people who might be interested in providing activities. She knows someone who could do kids' yoga. Charles suggested we could hire Isabelle Sullivan to put together games, etc. Sophia said she was thinking of something more like an activity tent that kids could visit. Charles said he could provide a 20x20 ft. tent.

Sophia brought up nonprofits. It was agreed that if any nonprofit asks if they can come we should agree to it, without trying to come up with a schedule for nonprofits. Charles said if Sophia sends him the list of nonprofits who have come in the past, he can send them an email letting them know that TNL will not be every Tuesday this summer and that they can come if they want to.

It was agreed to meet next on June 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths