

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2026

Present: Lois Frey, Noel Dodge, Dean Locke, Susan Lovering, and Adrian Schmidt

The May minutes were approved.

JCC PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS UPDATES

The Upward Bound program has scheduled community service. JCC will have five students from 1:30 to 3:30 pm on July 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2026.. It is suggested that the volunteers could assist by distributing mulch along the Journey's End trail entrance.

JOURNEY'S END

Dean reports that the older of the two bridges at Journey's End is missing a board. Adrian will measure and plan the repair.

GOMO TOWN FOREST

Discussion is had regarding the much needed survey of the Gomo Town Forest boundaries. Development and tree cutting continue in the southern region of the property but without a proper survey, it remains unclear whether these actions cross the border of town land.

Green Mountain Club representative, Molly Flanigan, is available to meet with the Johnson Selectboard in late July to make the proposal for a Long Trail easement.

BEARD PARK

Eric Nuse has volunteered time at Beard Park removing invasive plants. Sue reports that an article available online has listed Beard's Park as Vermont's #2 swimming hole.

Adrian will weed-whack the step entrance at 4 PM on July 2nd. Lois suggests multiple volunteers will be required to restore water runoff mitigation for the wheelchair accessible path.

POLLINATOR GARDEN

The JCC is prepared to add more seeds to the town pollinator garden but has decided to hold off on planting until the fall. Noel will follow up with Justin about cleaning up the wood piles.

COLLEGE POND - JCC SPONSORSHIPS

Following the miscommunication regarding the extent of JCC's involvement in the recent "Hands-On Discovery" event, Lois suggests the committee implement a policy to handle future requests for sponsorship.

Sue motions that all requests for JCC sponsorship must be made in writing and presented at a monthly meeting and be put to a vote. The motion is passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Next meeting on Wednesday, July 22nd, at the library at 6:30 PM

Submitted by Adrian Schmidt