

JOHNSON TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Present: Howard Romero, Tim Mikovitz (remote), Sophia Berard, Geoff Hollis, Tom Moog, Charles Flaum

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Howard called the meeting to order at 6:15.

The committee looked at a copy of the poster for the first ever Tuesday Night Live concert and discussed the possibility of having an anniversary show with some of the same musicians.

Tom pointed out that back then they had 2 rain dates. We could have used those this year. He suggested that for 2027 we could plan 6 shows with 2 rain dates. He thinks for economic reasons we should not do more than 6 shows in 2027. Others agreed. It was agreed that in 2027 we should schedule shows for July 6, 13, 20, and 27, August 3 and August 10, with rain dates of August 17 and August 24.

Howard said about 750 people attended the August 18 concert this year. The vendors were all there.

The committee discussed possible vendors for next year.

Tom said he feels conditions at the edge of the field are dangerous due to piles of dead debris. How do we get the town to do maintenance there? Howard said we should get on a selectboard agenda to ask for it.

Howard said we need to deal with the beams and 2x4s behind the bandstand this fall. He thinks we have to at least stack them and put a tarp over them. Tom suggested giving them to Brian Raulinaitis. Sophia agreed we could do that if he wants them.

Tom asked if we used any of the grant money. Howard said the electric work was done. We didn't have enough grant money for the light stands. We moved the bandstand back and put gravel around it.

Tim said hopefully we can get the town to clean up the edge of Legion Field. It is their responsibility to maintain it. Tom said there is a lot of debris that he is concerned could impale someone.

Howard said he has a call in to Champlain Fence about repairing the backstop.

Howard said the blanket raffle was a grand success. We got a lot of positive feedback on it.

Howard said we had \$480 cash on hand after the final performance. We owe \$30 to Lois and \$250 to Lawrence. He plans to handle those expenses and all other bills by writing checks himself and paying himself back when we have money, rather than asking the selectboard if we can borrow money.

Tim said he and Tom took the signs off the backstop. Howard said he will try to get the backstop repaired sooner rather than later.

Howard asked if we want to enlarge the closet again as it used to be. It was 2 feet deeper across the back. Charles said the library is going to start having a lending library of sports equipment. Maybe we could split it with them.

Tom said he feels it is important to get started early getting sponsorships for next year, because we have no money.

Charles volunteered to start a GoFundMe.

Tom said thank you cards to sponsors should go out now. Geoff agreed.

Charles asked if we want Johnny Betts doing sound at every single show. Tom said yes. Charles said Tom O'Connell can handle smaller shows and is cheaper. If we used him for two shows we would save \$1100. Tom said he feels we can't compromise on sound for a music event. He thinks we should increase the amount of sponsor money rather than cut costs.

There was discussion about who will handle contacting sponsors. Howard said he can do some of the work. No other committee members felt they could handle contacting sponsors. Tim said he can take over putting out agendas and warnings and he can send out email solicitations to vendors, but he does not have the bandwidth to go door-to-door. Geoff texted Lauren Philie to ask if she would be interested in helping with sponsors next year. Charles said he can contact sponsors to find out what their mailing addresses are. He thinks some of the addresses we have may not be correct. Geoff said Lauren had replied that she can clean up the list of sponsors and mail out a letter to them. Charles asked Geoff to find out if Lauren cleaned up the list previously and has a better list than the one he used for the Blueberry Festival. Geoff said Lauren feels follow-up after letters are sent to sponsors will be best done through personal contacts. She would love clarity on and help with that process.

Tom said he feels we should wait to put out a GoFundMe until after we get sponsors.

Charles said a Vermont Electric Co-op grant of \$500 was received. He suggested asking Lauren what other grants she knows about.

It was agreed that the first 2027 meeting will be scheduled for 6:00 on January 19.

Howard said the back access road has been graded, compacted, and seeded.

It was agreed to advertise on Front Porch Forum for another TNL committee member or two.

The meeting ended at 7:35.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths