

Town of Johnson, Vermont Selectboard Resolution

Establishing the Johnson Municipal Task Force on the Future of the Julian Scott House

WHEREAS, the Julian Scott House, located in the Village of Johnson, is a structure of significant historical and cultural value associated with - and the birthplace of - Civil War artist and Medal of Honor recipient **Julian A. Scott**; and

WHEREAS, the building is currently at risk of demolition due to requirements related to inclusion in the FEMA buyout program, structural deterioration, financial constraints, and lack of a long-term preservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Selectboard recognizes the importance of evaluating all feasible options to preserve the property for future generations and to ensure that any decision reflects the best interests of the Town and its residents; and

WHEREAS, a focused, time-limited advisory body is needed to gather information, engage the community, and present clear, actionable recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Johnson Selectboard hereby establishes the **Johnson Municipal Task Force on the Future of the Julian Scott House** (“the Task Force”).

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Task Force is to investigate, analyze, and present options for preventing demolition of the Julian Scott House, including but not limited to preservation, restoration, adaptive reuse, public-private partnerships, and transfer of ownership.

Section 2. Duties

The Task Force shall:

- Conduct research into the building’s condition, history, and potential uses.
- Investigate the FEMA process which led to the Julian Scott House being approved for the standard homeowner buyout program. If warranted, based on said investigation, recommend that the Selectboard request that FEMA and the State take appropriate corrective action.
- Identify any and all funding sources, including but not limited to grants, tax credits, donations, state or federal funds, and partnerships.
- Evaluate the feasibility, costs, and benefits of all viable alternatives.
- Engage the public and solicit community input.
- Provide regular interim updates to the Selectboard.
- Deliver a written report with recommendations no later than 16 Nov 2026. .

Section 3. Membership

The Task Force shall consist of **[5–9] members** appointed by the Selectboard, representing a range of relevant skills and community perspectives. Members shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary at their first meeting.

Section 4. Meetings

All meetings shall comply with Vermont Open Meeting Law. Agendas and minutes shall be posted publicly.

Section 5. Duration

The Task Force shall dissolve upon submission of its final report unless extended by vote of the Selectboard.

Adopted this 15th day of June, 2026, by the Johnson Selectboard.