

HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Draft Minutes of May 21, 2019 Meeting

Present: Rachel Kane, Nicole Davignon, Ben Pougner, Judith Ruskin, Norma Wiesen, Judy Bellairs, Renaud Demers

Absent: Jerry Schneider, Ken Davis,

Election of Officers: Co-Chairs--Rachel and Nicole; Secretary/Treasurer--Judy
Slate elected unanimously.

Discussion about future projects: Considered whether we can influence upstream actions and the possibility of collaborating with other Conservation Commissions. We need to brainstorm potential projects, perhaps devoting a whole meeting to the topic. Suggestion to have a charette with the community. Question about access to maps. They seem to be readily available.

Potential future projects include outings/hikes up Buffalo Mountain or along the Lamoille; Hardwick Lake, forest walk, looking at plant communities, wild edibles. Need to find local experts on natural resources. Potential partnership with Historical Society.

Conservation Commission Fund: The Town will set up a fund for the Conservation Commission. All income and expenses would flow through the Town's general account but be credited or expensed to the Conservation Commission fund. We need to pick one revenue and one expense category in order to set it up. Any income should be taken to Casey Rowell, the Business Manager, and she will track where it needs to go before giving it to the Town Clerk to deposit.

Discussion about Springfest: We need to be set up by 10:00 a.m. No driving on Atkins Field after 10:30. We do not need to stay longer than 2 p.m. It was decided that the elderberry plants will be sold by donation. Jerry will be there with a T-shirt decorating project for kids.

Action Items:

Rachel: Write up planting instructions for elderberries, prepare a form for people to sign who are interested in getting involved with Conservation Committee activities.

Nicole: Put notice in Front Porch Forum, help bring plants (meet at Ben's at 9 a.m.), bring easel for poster, help staff the table

Ben: Help staff the table, bring some of the plants, pick up the table from Rachel

Judith: Help bring plants (meet at Ben's at 9 a.m.)

Norma: Prepare poster to use at table to identify Conservation Commission

Judy: Help staff the table, bring butterfly box & suggestion box to collect input from patrons

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting: June 18, 2019, 7:15 p.m. at Memorial Building

Submitted by Judy Bellairs

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