

**COMMENTS FROM HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON REVISED TOWN
PLAN**

TO: HARDWICK PLANNING COMMISSION

The Hardwick Conservation Commission respectfully submits the following comments to the draft of the Hardwick Town Plan as passed at our August 20, 2019 meeting:

Comments on updated Town Plan: After some discussion, it was decided to submit the following comments to the Planning Commission prior to the deadline of September 3:

- ✓ Page 21, in section on ACTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION add "and the conservation commission" as a reviewer of proposed purchases of development rights.
- ✓ Page 23, in the GOAL, change to read "Maintain and enhance the abundance and diversity of game and non-game wildlife in Hardwick"
- ✓ Page 27, in the POLICIES section, change the second bullet to read: "Flood plains and upland forested areas that attenuate and moderate flooding and fluvial erosion should be protected and restored."
- ✓ Page 46, in the Projected Time Frames column, change Natural Resources Inventory to "Short Term" and change wetland inventory to "Short Term".

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DATE: Sept. 3, 2019

Comments on the Proposed Hardwick Municipal Plan (Draft August 2019)

I. Pages 10-11 "Scenic Resources"

Paragraph One—Replace with:

ⓧ "The Hardwick Trails system and the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) provide walking and biking in the summer months. In winter, the Hardwick Trails offer groomed XC skiing and plan to groom its 6 miles of bike trails for fat bikes. The LVRT offers snowmobiling and XC skiing."

pg 11

II. Page 17 Economic Development "Hardwick's Strengths"

Final paragraph--Add sentence:

ⓧ "The Hardwick Trails is a community hike, ski and bike system for non-motorized use." pg 17

III. Pages 31-32 "Recreational Facilities"

Insert the following paragraph before the paragraph at the top of page 32:

pg 32 "The volunteer Hardwick Trails Committee (under the Recreation Department) maintains 6 miles of hiking/walking trails, groomed for XC skiing in winter, and 6 miles of single-track biking trails. These trails, begun in 2003, are located in the woodlands behind Hazen Union School. They host nature-based events, races, charity fund-raising events as well as the annual Pumpkin Walk in October that draws 500-700 community participants. "

—hyper link to trails map. ←