

HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
DRAFT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2019 MEETING

Present: Norma Wiesen, Judith Ruskin, Judy Bellairs

Absent: Rachel Kane, Nicole Davignon, Ben Pougner, Renaud Demers, Jerry Schneider, Ken Davis

The vote to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was deferred due to the lack of a quorum. There was discussion about whether we should have written rules for voting, what constitutes a quorum, etc. It was suggested that this be put on the agenda for our next meeting.

**Tree Committee.** We need to decide what to do with the tree-walk information. Where are trees needed and where can they be planted? We also need 1) funding; 2) a publicity campaign before we do any planting on private property; and 3) a map showing parcels of Town-owned land. It might be best for our first planting project to be located on Town land.

**Fund balance.** We currently have \$162 (from plant sales) in our account with the Town. The \$300 start-up funding we asked for was not appropriated because it was inadvertently left out of the Warning on Town Meeting Day. The Town Business Manager suggested a member of the Commission could request the funding at the November 7 Select Board Meeting. Judy agreed to make the presentation. There are a number of things we could use the money for: the fee to join the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions; speaker honoraria; advertising, refreshments, etc. Commission members are encouraged to attend the meeting as a show of support.

The Commission has not yet paid dues to become a member of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions.

**Events.** The library is interested in co-sponsoring events. Judith is interested in the Town Forest and in making school curricula more green. She will look into possible speakers on regenerative forest practices. Norma suggested that we need a purpose for our events and that they should dovetail with our goals.

**Grants.** It was suggested that winter would be a good time for planning, grant writing and speakers.

**Action items:**

Judith: look into educational events

Norma: check with Nicole about grants

Judy: attend Nov. 7 Select Board meeting to ask for funding