

HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2020

Present: Ken Davis, Norma Wiesen, Ben Pougner, Rachel Kane, Renaud Demers, Judy Bellairs

Absent: Jerry Schneider, Judith Ruskin

Agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commission By-laws. Motion by Norma, seconded by Ken, to adopt Draft 2 of the by-laws. Passed.

Grant Proposal. Rachel submitted a proposal to the State for a canopy grant of \$1405 to rejuvenate the crabapple trees on Wolcott Street along the Lamoille. The funds would be used to purchase mulch, to hire someone to feed the trees, and to pay for the arborist's fee for the report. Volunteers will be needed to prune the trees. If we get the grant, we could have a handout at Town Meeting about it. Perhaps we could organize a pruning clinic.

Information for Town Report. Rachel will prepare a few paragraphs about Commission activities to be printed in the Town Report.

Plants for SpringFest. Motion passed to approve up to \$150 to order plants for a table at the spring festival. It was agreed that Judy will order 25 elderberry and 25 American mountain ash seedlings from the New Hampshire State Forest Nursery. We should consider providing an activity at our table, possibly bark identification.

Ben discussed the 10-year forest management plan from the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. There is still a question about whether there is a forest management plan for the Hardwick Town Forest.

We still need to find a speaker and organize an event. For the next meeting we should have further discussion on a natural resource inventory.

Nicole Davignon sent an e-mail tendering her resignation from the Commission. She will be missed.

Action items:

Norma--ask Town about storage for our materials and ask about providing copies of minutes
Rachel--prepare information for Town Report and forward to Casey; send around copies of grant proposal

Judy--order plants

Adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting: February 18, 2020