

HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Revision: MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2020 MEETING
(Meeting held remotely, on-line)

Present: Rachel Kane, Ben Pougner, Judith Ruskin, Jerry
Schneider, Norma Wiesen
Judy Bellairs (guest)

Absent: Ken Davis, Renaud Demers

1. Meeting called to order 5:10.
2. Motion made by Jerry to approve minutes of September 24, 2020. Seconded. Approved.
3. Jerry Schneider accepted position of Treasurer. No objections.
Norma Wiesen accepted position of Secretary. No objections.
4. **Discussion: Hardwick Lake, Jackson Dam, Lamoille River**

Items: Lamoille Watershed Project materials from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
ice mitigation on the Lamoille River
annual draw-down of Hardwick Lake
decisions about the future of Jackson Dam

Action Items:

- Rachel** will invite representatives of the DEC to present an overview of their Lamoille Tactical Basin planning process.
- Following the presentation by the DEC, **CC members** will review materials and consider what public education is needed and what our contribution to this effort should be.

4. **Discussion: Natural Resources Inventory for Hardwick**

Michael Lew-Smith's presentation at the September 17, 2019 meeting indicated a full inventory could cost \$15,000-18,000.

The 2019 Hardwick Municipal Plan indicates that a natural resource inventory should be completed in the short term, which is defined as 1-2 years.

Money would have to be found for this. Town funding? Grant funding?

Action items:

--**Ben** will find what resource maps the State has.

--**CC members** will look at the Town website for its information.

--Follow-up needed at future meetings.

5. Report: Wolcott Street tree work

CC members Rachel, Judith, Ben, Jerry and Ken completed mulching crab apple trees along the Lamoille River between the Cottage Street bridge and Cooper Brook.

Note: Ben reported that the trees outside the Village Restaurant need pruning and care.

6. Action Item for December meeting for all CC members :

--Rachel asked members to bring ideas for future projects and for public information outreach.

7. Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

(To be held remotely. Ben will provide technical assistance.)

Submitted by Norma Wiesen