

**Town of Hardwick  
Hardwick, Vermont 05843**

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**HARDWICK TOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021, held remotely**

**Present:** Ken Davis, Renaud Demers, Rachel Kane, Ben Pougner, Norma Wiesen  
Judy Bellairs (guest)

**Absent:** Judith Ruskin, Jerry Schneider

1. Meeting called to order 5:05 pm
2. Minutes of February 23, 2021 approved. Motion by Renaud.
3. **Rachel** recommended the group think of ways to do public outreach if the **Spring Festival** is scheduled this year. Revisit at the April meeting.
4. **Rachel** will contact the new Hardwick Tree Warden, Geoff Fehrs, to see about his leading a **crew to prune the crabapple trees** on Wolcott Street. Ben offered help and tools. Rachel and Ben will report back in April.
5. **The “tree giveaway” event has been cancelled.** Vermont Urban and Community Forests will not be supplying trees. We will apply for the program next year.
6. **Rachel will forward links to webinars** relevant to Conservation Commissions which she obtained from Jens Hilke (conservation planning biologist, VT Fish and Wildlife.) Members are encouraged to attend specific presentations. Jens offered to attend one of our meetings to explain help available for creating Natural Resources Inventories.
7. **Presentation:**

\***Sacha Pealer**, Northeastern River Scientist and Floodplain Manager and **Staci Pomeroy**, River Scientist for the Lamoille River (VT Agency of Natural Resources personnel) were guests. They presented information about trouble spots along the Lamoille River in Hardwick. and how the Conservation Commission could get involved in riparian mitigation.

\*Staci showed maps of **2 projects** that are (tentatively) scheduled for this summer, involving the Lamoille River. One project involves stabilizing erosion near the junction of Rtes#15 and 16. The other project is located just west along the Lamoille.

\*Staci suggested **that if the CC chose a project, our role** could include outreach to the public to build awareness and support, contact with landowners, and volunteers for planting. Staci also said she could partner with us.

\*Staci mentioned the **Trees for Streams** program . The contact for information is Kerri O'Brien, Manager, Caledonia County Conservation District.

### **8. After presentation comments**

\***Rachel** said she wanted to talk with **Bruce Kaufman** about the riverbanks that are part of his land.

\***Ben** recommended looking at the **Orleans County Conservation District current newsletter** and plant sale list for possible plant sources for next year.

**9.** Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 5:00pm, held remotely**

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary