

TOWN OF HARDWICK
Hardwick, Vermont 05843
HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES (DRAFT #2)
Monday, January 9, 2023 @5:00pm @Memorial Bldg

Present: Ken Davis, Kathy Hemmens, Rachel Kane, Ben Pougner, Jerry Schneider, Norma Wiesen
Judy Bellairs (volunteer), Bill Chidsey (guest), Lucy Zendzian (guest)
Emily Finnegan (presenter: NRCD)
Absent: Erin Rosenthal

1. Called to order 5:00pm
2. Approved minutes of November 28, 2022
3. Presentation by **Emily Finnegan**, District Manager, Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District:
 - a. NRCD works similarly to a non-profit, is not a governmental agency but gets its money through grants, some of which would be federal or state
 - b. Helps towns, local organizations and landowners assess conservation issues and possible projects
 - c. NRCD offers grant-writing and management for projects
 - d. Examples: riparian work, tree planting, dam projects, culvert work
(NRCD has worked on storm water projects in Hardwick, including a large project off North Main Street)
 - e. Members agreed to meet with Emily about Jackson Dam sometime later in the year
4. **Norma** circulated the **NRI contract with Matt Peters**, just completed

ACTION ITEMS:

5. **Norma** will write an **informational article for the Gazette about the NRI** (to begin public awareness efforts)

6. Ken and Norma will meet with the **Hardwick Electric Department Board** to make them aware of the upcoming NRI and field work on public lands

7. Jerry will present a program (**All About Bats**) on **Jan. 28 at 2:00 at the Memorial Bldg**

Jerry will write a **promo blurb** and provide **cookies**

Rachel will promote on **FPF** and provide **cider**

Norma will make a **poster**, make **NRI info flyers** to distribute and provide **cups**

Kathy and Ben will put up **posters**

8. Rachel will contact **Jonathan Shapiro** to set up a tracking event for February

9. Ben will order a variety of tree seedlings for selling at the Spring Festival

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

For March: Need info to distribute at Town Meeting
Consider a public meeting to discuss the NRI. No decisions.

10. Adjourned at 6:30pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 5:00 @ Memorial Bldg

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary