

Town of Hardwick, Vermont 05843

**HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

January 8, 2024 Memorial Building

Present: Ken Davis, Kathy Hemmens, Rachel Kane, Ben Pougner, Erin Rosenthal, Norma Wiesen, Lucy Zendzian

Absent: Jerry Schneider

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm
2. Minutes of November 11, 2023 approved
3. **Matt Peters/ the Natural Resources Inventory project**
 - A. **Matt** has completed his field work and is preparing his final report
 - B. **Report to the community: Sat, March 23, 2:00, Memorial Bldg**
Lucy will confirm with Matt about date.
Rachel will confirm with the Town Clerk about the venue
4. **Rachel** confirmed **Jonathan Shapiro** will lead a **Tracking Event at the Hardwick Trails, Sat, March 30, 10:00-12:00**
5. **Rachel** reported on a request from the **Hardwick Downtown Partnership** for the Conservation Commission to join with their **Trees for Downtown Committee**. Notice about whether grant monies sought for the project will be awarded is expected February 1.
6. **Discussion: Spring Festival**
 - A. **Rachel:** Proposal for a float with a butterfly/pollinator theme
 - B. Ideas for give-away or “by donation”: Pollinator-friendly, native flower seeds/ plants/local sources

C. Flyers about how to encourage biodiversity on home properties

7. PLANNING MEETING TO CREATE A CALENDAR OF PROJECTS AND EVENTS FOR 2024:

WED, JANUARY 24 @ 5:00 @ Memorial Bldg. (Rachel will check on date/venue)

8. Discussion: Proposal from **Emily Lanxner** to develop a trail/native plantings on Hazen land behind West Church Street properties. **Norma** will contact Aaron Hill, Hazen Athletic Director, about the current use of the land. **Rachel** will speak with Pat Kane, school board member, about the proposal.

9. Rachel: Suggestion to explore more about the Stewards of the Greensboro Watershed group's riparian erosion work: info, grants, planting collaboration?

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

****SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING: WED, JANUARY 24, 2024 @ 5:00 @ MEM BLDG**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 @ 5:00 @ MEM BLDG

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary