

**TOWN OF HARDWICK  
HARDWICK, VT**

**MINUTES**

**July 8, 2024 at 5:00 at Memorial Bldg.**

**Present:** Ken Davis, Lesa Cathcart, Erik Erbes, Kathy Hemmens, Rachel Kane, Ben Pougner, Norma Wiesen, Lucy Zendzian

**Absent:** Tyler Buswell

**Guest:** Jerry Schneider

**1.** Meeting called to order at 5:00

**2.** Minutes of June 10, 2024 approved

**3. Election of officers for 2024-2025 fiscal year** by unanimous vote:

**A.** Co-chairs: **Rachel Kane** and **Lucy Zendzian**

**B.** Treasurer: **Kathy Hemmens**

**C.** Secretary: **Norma Wiesen**

**4. Treasurer's report:** **Kathy** reported a current balance of \$2258.88

**5. Discussion of June 21 meeting at the motel site** with VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation personnel and Kristen Leahy, attended by **Rachel** and **Norma**

**A.** The motel site will be cleared of all debris, structure remains, and driveway asphalt. The site will be terraced to allow flood waters expansion room.

**B.** HCC was encouraged to offer help by: (1) gathering public input about further use of the space, (2) helping with flood mitigation planting

**6. Events**

**A.** **Ben** reported that Matt Peters will conduct a visit at the cedar swamp accessed from Ben's house and at Tuttle Pond. After, **Ben** will email agreed-upon event dates for these sites.

**B.** **Lucy** will contact Jonathan Shapiro about a tracking event

**C. Kathy Hemmens** will contact Hannah Phillips about presenting a public meeting to discuss the “30/50” conservation act

## **7. Information/Discussion items**

**A. Ben** met with Bethany Dunbar and Hayley Williams of the CAE about planting tree seedlings remaining from the Spring Festival.

Suggestion made for **Ben** to write a piece for the Gazette about this.

**B. Ben** reported learning about seed collecting along Cooper Brook by Brooke Fleischman of the Burlington Intervale and the NorthWoods Stewardship Center in East Charleston

**C. Lesa** will explore advertising in the NEK tourist pamphlet

**D.** Discussion of wild parsnip and other roadside invasives and whether or how they should be controlled. No action taken.

## **8. Coin drop: Saturday, Aug. 24, 9:00-11:00**

**A. Jerry** suggested taking coins to be sorted/counted at a bank or credit union

### **B. Supplies**

**1. Jerry:** 2 chairs

**2. Lesa:** Box for \$\$

**3. Norma:** Sandwich boards, vests, buckets, table, equip for counting \$\$, “thank you” slips, dog biscuits

### **C. Volunteers (arrive at 8:30):**

**Lesa, Kathy, Lucy, Rachel, Tyler, Jerry, Norma**

**D.** Meeting adjourned at 6:20

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**Next regular meeting: Monday, August 12, 2024 @ 5:00pm  
@ Mem. Bldg.**

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary