

HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2024 5:00pm Memorial Building

NOTE:

The following notes, submitted by **Rachel Kane**, cover a sub-committee meeting held immediately prior to the regular meeting:

Tree Planting for the Designated Downtown:

Lucy, Rachel and Jan Mueller met on Saturday morning, November 9th, to walk through the designated area, and identify possible planting sites for street trees, on both public and private properties. Distinctions were made for sites allowing for both large and small trees, and for multiples. We considered both the footage available, and the presence of overhead wires. We identified 45-50 planting sites, and 33 suitable properties. The next step will be to obtain contact info for these properties, which the group is working on. Then we will either visit in person, or call/email the owners with information about the planting program and encourage folks to fill out an application. Jan is finalizing an informative handout, which will include a short list of the kinds of trees that would be planted, the list coming from Geoff Fehrs. The subcommittee will stay in touch by email, and has a goal of contacting properties before the end of November.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING:

Present: Lesa Cathcart, Kathy Hemmens, Rachel Kane, Ben Pougner, Norma Wiesen, Lucy Zendzian

Absent: Ken Davis, Tyler Buswell

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:15
- II. Minutes of October 14, 2024 approved unanimously
- III. **Additions to the agenda:**

1. **Norma** will write a narrative report of the HCC's activities this year for the annual Town Report
2. **Kathy** will offer the HCC's help to the East Hardwick Neighborhood Organization if they go forward with a tree-planting project under consideration
3. **Kathy, Lucy and Rachel** attended a dinner meeting of the Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District Nov. 7 in Peacham.

They reported about the wealth of information available from state, county and local organizations. **Lucy** suggested the HCC host an information/education event to help the public learn about these resources.

4. **Rachel** proposed HCC explore creating a fund for land purchase.
5. **Lucy** will report on plans for an HCC retreat at the next meeting

IV. Report from Act 59 meeting of Nov. 6

1. 15 attendees, high interest with lots of questions

V. Ideas for use of Town-purchased 2832 Craftsbury Rd property

1. Parcel considered too small for an HCC project
2. Other properties may lend themselves to projects
3. HCC will get info from Kristen Leahy, Zoning Commissioner

VI. NO regular meeting in December: Holiday gathering

1. The members agreed to **meet for dinner at the Cork and Fork restaurant on Friday, December 6 at 5:30**. Members are invited to bring a guest. **Rachel** will contact the restaurant.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary

Next regular meeting: Monday, January 13, 2025 @ 5:00pm @ Memorial Bldg

