HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2025 5:00 PM @ Memorial Bldg.

Present: Rachel Kane, Ben Pougnier, Norma Wiesen, Lucy Zendzian
Absent: Tyler Buswell, Lesa Cathcart, Ken Davis, Kathy Hemmens

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00

2. Vote to amend/approve Minutes of Jan. 13, 2025 postponed. A quorum was not present.

3. **Discussion items and volunteer commitments**

   A. **Ben** will contact the Town Business Manager to learn how the HCC can comply with new regulations in the Open Meeting law to allow the public to attend meetings remotely.

   B. **Norma** will create an info flyer for distribution at Town Meeting.

   C. **Rachel** will make arrangements for a meeting with Jens Hilke, VT Fish and Wildlife Department, to learn how we can best use the info in our Natural Resources Inventory to guide our work. A late afternoon meeting in March is the goal.

   D. **Rachel** is working with Beth LeCours, Hardwick Elementary art teacher, to include students in helping with a float for Spring Festival.

E. **Rachel** and **Lucy** discussed ways to inform the public about the dangers of rodenticide use and possible collaboration with the Greensboro Conservation Commission in this effort.

F. **Rachel** will research info about Town Conservation Funds. She will reach out to organizations such as the Northern Rivers Land Trust to gather knowledge of how other towns have created and/or used these funds.

G. **Lucy** will pursue info about providing help to landowners through the Stream Wise project.

H. **Ben** provided info about the Intervale Center's project to collect tree seeds from native trees that thrive along streams and rivers, with the goal of raising seedlings to be used for flood resilience planting. Discussion about inviting a representative for a public education event.

I. **Rachel** will organize a Let's Go Fishing event.

J. Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary

Next regular meeting: Monday, March 10, 2025 @ 5:00 PM @ Memorial Bldg.