

SPECIAL HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2025 MEMORIAL BUILDING

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

Absent: Tyler Buswell, Ken Davis

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30pm for the purpose of planning public events based on the Hardwick Natural Ecological Report, written by Matt Peters, Consulting Ecologist and Botanist. The discussion centered on deciding what “chunks” of the report to focus on and whether to schedule walks and/or talks about each “chunk”.
2. Decision made to focus on **Forests & Connectivity, Rare/Unusual Species, Natural Communities, Wetlands and Geology (“Underground”)**.
3. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Lesa** will contact Johanna Laggis about leading a walk to “Hardwick Center Pond Woods” (p. 56 of the Report). **Wetlands**
 - b. **Lucy** will contact Matt Peters for suggestions about where a walk could occur that would include several different **Natural Communities**.
 - c. **Kathy** will contact Emily Potter, Lamoille County Forester, about doing a walk and/or talk about Hardwick’s forests. **Forests & Connectivity**.
 - d. **Rachel** offered to co-lead a walk along the Lamoille River near her home. **Natural Communities**
 - e. **Norma** will contact Jen Hilke, VT Fish and Wildlife Dept., to find recommendations of Fish and Wildlife personnel who could lead walks and/or talks within the next year about the broad topics chosen.

4. **Rachel** will send out a FPF notice to alert folks wanting to attend the Let's Go Fishing event about how to register for the event.

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 5:00pm @ Memorial Bldg.