

**Town of Hardwick**  
**Hardwick, VT 05843**

## **HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Sept. 8, 2025 @ Memorial Bldg.**

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

**Absent:** Tyler Buswell, Peter Moskovitz, Ben Pougner

1. Meeting called to order at 5:10 pm
2. Minutes of Aug. 11, 2025 meeting unanimously approved
3. **Downtown Tree Planting project update:** **Lucy** reported that trees will be delivered Sept. 15 and planting completed by Sept. 22.
4. **Follow-up to last month's Action Items**
  - a. **Rachel** has contacted Woodbury, Greensboro and Craftsbury CC's about mutually advertising upcoming events. Woodbury and Greensboro are interested; no response from Craftsbury yet.
  - b. **Forests and Connectivity Walk with Emily Potter, Lamoille County Forester: Oct. 18, 10:00-12:00**
    - i. **Joe** presented two options for the walk: Park at the river near the Yellow Barn and walk the VAST trail or take the path behind Atkins field.
    - ii. **Kathy** will invite **Emily** to meet prior to the Oct. 13 HCC meeting with **Lucy and Joe** to choose the route for the walk and to attend the meeting following to brief members and take questions.
    - iii. **Lucy** will write the advertising blurb for the event and **Lesa** will post on FPF. **Lucy** will make advertising posters.
    - iv. Plans for a walk led by Johanna Laggis on her property set aside for a later follow-up.

- v. **Lucy** and **Dave Mitchell (Hardwick Trails Committee)** are willing to lead Geology Walks. **Norma** will facilitate a possible joint event.
  - vi. **Norma** reported difficulty reaching **Jens Hilke** for names of VT Fish and Wildlife personnel who could lead walks/ provide talks. **Rachel** will contact **Jerry Schneider** for ideas; **Lucy** will explore some of her contacts.
  - c. **Lucy** confirmed a regional meeting of the Vermont Assoc. of Conservation Commissions to be held at the Memorial Bldg. from 9:00-2:00 on Oct. 11.
  - d. **Lesia** circulated a list of free brochures related to forest pests for members to choose topics and distribute at public events. **Lesia** will order copies.
  - e. **Kathy** offered to host an HCC social event in Nov. Details to follow.
  - f. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.
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Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary

**Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 13, 5:00pm @ Memorial Bldg.**