

Town of Hardwick
Hardwick, VT 05843

Hardwick Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2025

Present: Rachel Kane, Peter Moskovitz, Joe Nudell, Ben Pougner, Norma Wiesen, Lucy Zendzian

Absent: Tyler Buswell, Lesa Cathcart, Kathy Hemmens

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm
2. Amended minutes of October 13, 2025 approved unanimously
3. **Updates about Buffalo Mountain Project**
 - A. The Trust for Public Land has submitted one grant application for support funds; a second grant is in progress
 - B. A completed appraisal of the Buffalo Mt. property expected in December
 - C. **Rachel** and **Joe** have begun seeking letters of support from community organizations to include with grant applications and asked for additional suggestions
 - D. Representatives of HCC will attend organization meetings to seek these letters: **Ben**-Buffalo Mountain Co-op; **Joe**-Recreation Committee; **Lucy**-Mountain View Elem. School Board
4. **Joe** will draft and circulate a letter of support from the HCC. There was consensus to offer suggestions and, ultimately, approve a final draft through email
5. **Discussion about creating a Conservation Fund**
 - A. **Peter** and **Rachel** will meet to work on a proposal to be discussed at the next meeting
 - B. **Lucy** will seek information/suggestions from the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions
6. **Ben** has begun revamping the HCC website

7. **Rachel** contacted John Liebowitz of the Northeast Wilderness Trust re a possible talk. No response to report
8. **Peter** reported on the Drought Management project he has suggested. His information and rationale follow:
 - A. Connor Manosh expressed interest in providing weekly data on water supply failures reported to NA Manosh
 - B. Lucy suggested contacting Dr. Dubigny-Giroux, UVM climatologist who is seeking data about climate-related events for academic study. She proposed that her department and the HCC develop a cooperative and collaborative relationship.
 - C. Rationale: sharing this information with Kristen Leahy will bring climate-related adverse-event resilience to municipal government agents to inform public policy and community education
9. **Holiday get-together – Rachel** will contact Kathy. More information to follow
10. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Next regular meeting:

Monday, December 8, 2025 @ Memorial Bldg. @ 5:00pm

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary