

**HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**December 8, 2025 @ Memorial Building**

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

**Absent:** Tyler Buswell

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm
2. Minutes of November 10, 2025 approved
3. **Discussion: Buffalo Mountain Project**
  - a. Updates about letters of support received, contacts yet to be made
  - b. **Lesa** will contact the American Legion and Kiwanis
  - c. **Rachel, NRLT and the Trust for Public Land representatives** will talk with the Selectboard at their mid-month meeting
  - d. Discussion about publicity for the project
    - I. **Joe** will submit a letter to the Gazette about the project and HCC's support of it
    - II. Information about the success of the Wolcott project and the financial benefits to towns of offering outdoor recreation will be sought for publication and public distribution
    - III. Plans should begin for a public meeting immediately after a successful sale is accomplished to build crucial public support
4. **Request from the Planning Commission**
  - a. The Planning Commission has asked the HCC to suggest ways that the Natural Resources Inventory can be integrated into the 2027 Town Plan. Work will begin in the spring
  - b. **Lucy, Lesa and Peter** will represent the HCC
5. **Discussion: Conservation Fund**
  - a. **Lucy** presented information gathered from various Vermont Conservation Commissions who have such funds

- b.** More information and decisions about how such a fund might work for us is needed

**6. Discussion: Drought mitigation information**

- a.** **Peter** waiting to hear back from a well drilling company about collecting data on well and spring failures as a measure of drought severity

**7. Discussion: Updating the HCC website**

- a.** **Ben, Joe and Lucy** will collaborate on changes

**8. Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm**

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Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 12 5:00pm**  
**Mem. Bldg**