

Town of Hardwick  
Hardwick, VT 05843

## Hardwick Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026 Memorial Building

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

**Absent:** Tyler Buswell, Kathy Hemmens, Ben Pougner

1. Meeting called to order 5:10 pm
2. Minutes of Dec. 8, 2025 approved unanimously
3. **Plans for Jan. 24 Public Meeting on the Buffalo Mountain Project, Jeudevine Library, 2-4 pm**
  - a. **Preparation**
    - i. **Rachel** distributed informational hand-outs for members to offer folks
    - ii. **Norma** will advertise the event on FPF
    - iii. **Lucy** will ask **Ben** to post the event on our website
    - iv. **Rachel** will check with Eric Remick about attending as the Selectboard spokesperson
    - v. **Joe** will update and print 50 copies of a Q-and-A sheet to be distributed at the meeting
    - vi. **Peter** will get cookies/snacks for refreshments
    - vii. **Rachel** will provide coffee, cream and sugar, napkins and paper cups
    - viii. **Lesa** will provide hot chocolate and hot water dispenser
    - ix. **Norma** will check with the library about what kitchen equipment/tools are available
    - x. **Norma** will get colored paper and a collection bucket for audience ideas, also name tags
  - b. **Program**

- i. **Lesa** will moderate the meeting (introduce the agenda, the speakers and “move the meeting along”)
- ii. **Agenda**
  - 1. Hannah Redmond (Trust for Public Land) will provide an overview of the Buffalo Mountain Conservation Project
  - 2. Jack Travelstead? Paul Cillo? will discuss Northern Rivers Land Trust’s participation
  - 3. Eric Remick, Selectboard Chair, will discuss the Town’s role in the project
  - 4. **Lucy** will discuss the Town Meeting Buffalo Mt question on the project and HCC’s role and interest in collecting names of people interested in serving on a Buffalo Mountain Steering Committee
  - 5. Break?
  - 6. Audience Q-and-A/ Collect names of people interested in the Steering Committee

#### **4. Updates**

- a. **Conservation Fund: Lucy, Peter and Rachel** developing policies to create the Fund. No report
- b. **2027 Municipal Plan Subcommittee: Peter, Lesa and Lucy** working with Planning Commission. No report
- c. **HCC Website: Lucy and Joe** working on upgrading the website. No report.

#### **5. Meeting adjourned 6:35 pm**

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**Next Regular Meeting: Feb. 9, 2026 at 5:00pm at the Memorial Bldg.**

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary