

**TOWN OF HARDWICK
Hardwick, VT 05843**

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**HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 18, 2022@5:00pm, held remotely

Present: Ken Davis, Renaud Demers, Rachel Kane, Aya Kaufmann (guest), Ben Pougner, Norma Wiesen

Absent: Jerry Schneider

I. Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

II. Minutes of Oct. 19, 2021 and Nov. 16, 2021 approved

III. Reports:

A. **Rachel** reported the Selectboard has granted our request for a **CC budget of \$1500 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year**

B. NRI funding report:

1. Norma reported that the VT Dept of Commerce & Community Development will be offering **a new round of Muncipal Planning Grants (info available in July; application deadline Oct. 1)**

Rachel, Ben and Aya agreed to work with Norma to prep for this grant

2. Norma has contacted **Geoff Sewake, Hardwick Community Development Coordinator** for further grant/funding possibilities

IV. Public events planning/action steps

A. Ben volunteered to lead a workshop on pollarding at his property

B. Rachel will talk with **Judy Bellairs** about a possible **insect walk**

C. Renaud suggested a **tracking event**. **Ben** will talk with **Jonathan Shapiro, teacher at the tracking and nature school, Fox Paw**

D. Aya suggested events around **climate resilience**, involving **kids** and will look for **adult leaders**. **Rachel** suggested exploring the **Four Winds project** at the Elem School

E. Rachel will talk with **Tree Warden Geoff Fehrs** about a **pruning workshop**

*****Note: We will begin to build a schedule of events with info folks bring to the next meeting.**

V. Action items

A. Rachel reported speaking with **Paul Council and Jack Travelstead of the Woodbury Conservation Commission**. They may have advice for preparing grants, having received grant monies for projects on their Town forest lands.

*****Note:** WCC meets on 3rd Thursdays.

B. Rachel spoke with **Clark Amidon of Trout Unlimited** about attending a CC meeting to explain the work of this organization

C. Norma will contact **Elinor Osborn** to see if the **Craftsbury Conservation Commission** would like to send a rep to a meeting to talk about their commission's projects.

*****Note:** CCC meets on 3rd Mondays.

D. Rachel will check to be sure we are current with our dues to the **Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC)**

E. Norma will get copies of the recently published **Vermont Conservation Commission Handbook** for everyone

VI. Meeting adjourned 6:30pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, Feb 15, 2022 @ 5:00, held remotely
Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary