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**HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 5:00pm, held remotely

Present: Ken Davis, Rachel Kane, Ben Pougner, Norma Wiesen

Absent: Renaud Demers (difficulty with remote access), Jerry Schneider

I. Meeting called to order 5:10 pm

II. Minutes of January 18, 2022 approved

III. Follow-up: event scheduling

A. Tracking Event with Jonathan Shapiro (Fox Paw school)

1. Ben will contact Jonathan about **March 13** date; what is a good **time** for the 2-3 hr event; how to **register** people (limit 16); whether he can supply an advertising **blurb**

2. Norma will check about **using the Trails** for the event; will advertise the event **on FPF and Gazette**

3. Rachel offered \$100 as an **honorarium**; will check with **Aya** about making a **poster**; will put on Community Calendar

B. Ben offered to take CC members to see his work with **pollarding** when the weather warms and trees have leafed out

C. Rachel will talk with Judy Bellairs about an **insect walk**

IV. Rachel reported that we are current with our dues to the Assoc. of VT Conservation Commissions

V. Rachel and Ben reported on attending a webinar about **Dam Removal** in VT sponsored by the Vermont Natural Resources Council (Karina Dailey, contact.) They reported that the meeting included a large number of organizations involved in actual dam removals—53 dams in the past 10 years.

Discussion about our need to become well-educated about the questions around removing/not removing dams on our rivers, esp. Jackson Dam.

More discussion about moving on this topic at the next meeting.

VI. Meeting adjourned 6:15 pm.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tues. March 15,2022
@5:00pm, held remotely**

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary