

**TOWN OF HARDWICK
Hardwick, VT 05843**

Draft #2

**HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

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

Present: Renaud Demers, Rachel Kane, Ben Pougner, Jerry Schneider, Norma Wiesen **Guests:** Clark Amadon, Judy Bellairs

Absent: Ken Davis

I. Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

II. Minutes of February 15, 2022 approved

III. Presentation by **Clark Amadon, Trout Unlimited**

Notes:

A. Trout Unlimited is a national nonprofit organization of 700,000 members with 5 chapters in Vermont (1800 members), focused on salmon and trout health, restoring rivers, riparian plantings, and dam removal

B. TU is interested in policy issues and building good relationships with landowners, state biologists, and the general public

C. TU does riparian restoration work without cost for willing landowners

E. Amadon suggested the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps or available, no cost labor for small riparian restoration projects the HCC might undertake. Small projects generally do not require permits, other than landowner willingness.

D. Amadon suggested ANR's Vermont Rivers Program's river geomorphologists and the Lamoille River Basin Plan as information sources

IV. Follow-up

A. Rachel has written to **Hardwick Electric Dept.** to ask for their plans for the future **of Jackson Dam.** No response yet.

B. Rachel and Jerry reported funding may be possible for our **NRI project** from federal money (the American Rescue Plan Act known as ARPA) received by the Town. **Norma** will follow up with the Town Manager and the Selectboard Chair.

C. Spring Festival (May 28)

1. Rachel will organize a **table with information/displays/giveaway of High Mowing Seed packets**

2. Jerry will get **tickets for a 50/50 raffle** (to begin at Spring Festival, with a drawing at the Fall Craft Fair)

3. Norma will write an **info-and-thank you sheet** to go with each ticket sale

D. Events

1. Ben will contact Jonathon Shapiro to arrange a new date for a **Tracking Event**

2. Jerry and Rachel will organize a summer **event at Mackville Pond**, aimed at families. **Renaud** suggested partnering with the Rec Committee

3. Jerry volunteered to present an event based on **monarch butterflies**, including his Mexico visit to their winter grounds (Event in Sept??)

4. Judy volunteered to bring her **equipment for raising butterflies** (and possibly release hatchlings) (Event in Aug??)

V. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 @ 5:00pm @ Hardwick
Memorial Bldg**

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary