

HARDWICK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, February 13, 2023 5:00 pm Memorial Bldg
MINUTES (Draft #2)

Present: Ken Davis, Kathy Hemmens, Rachel Kane, Ben Pougner, Jerry Schneider, Norma Wiesen, Lucy Zendzian

Guests: Geoff Fehrs, Erin Rosenthal

1. Call to order 5:05 pm
2. Minutes of Jan. 9, 2023 approved
3. Follow-up on “All About Bats” event: **Jerry** reported a good attendance and provided an email list of community folks interested in notice of upcoming events
4. The HCC will invite Emily Finnegan, Caledonia County Conservation District, to attend the May meeting to provide information about dam removal and funding available for such projects.
5. **Rachel** will contact Jonathan Shapiro about leading a nature walk on Sat., March 25 at 1:00 on the Hardwick Trails. **Ben, Kathy, Erin** and **Norma** will co-ordinate making and distributing posters and advertising the event on FPF.
6. Discussion of creating a hand-out for Town Meeting (on March 7 at the Elem School). **Norma** will write a draft.
7. Spring Festival plans (Sat., May 27)
 - A. HCC will request a table at Atkins Field.
 - B. **Ben** has ordered 50 hazelnut , 50 mountain ash and 25 black walnut tree seedlings. HCC volunteers will help pot them. They will be offered to the community by donation.
 - C. **Ben** will write up info about growing each species to have available at the Festival.
 - D. **Jerry** will get 50/50 raffle tickets and HCC volunteers will help sell them at the parade and table.

E. Ken will get a selection of flyers from Agency of Natural Resources to distribute at the table.

8. Brainstorm ideas about future events:

A. Jerry: create pollinator-friendly plantings near Rail Trail – June

B. Erin: medicinal plants walk

C. Rachel: walk in her gardens to see native plants and learn about them
walk along the Lamoille River in East Hardwick to find local plants
explore “Let’s Go Fishing” (VT Fish and Wildlife), esp for kids
explore growing flowers/shrubs in Town-owned green spaces

D. Lucy: “playing in the dirt” with kids

E. Geoff: collaborate with GMTCC instructor/students for event involving kids
invite Megan Luther (GMTCC instructor) to talk about GMTCC program

F. Adjourn at 6:25 pm

Next Regular Meeting: **Monday, March 13, 2023 @ 5:00 pm @ Memorial Bldg**

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary