

Hardwick Conservation Commission Meeting

Monday, March 9th at 5:00 PM at the Hardwick Memorial Building

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order @ 5:10
2. Present: Ben Pougner, Lesa Cathcart, Rachel Kane, Lucy Zendzian, Joe Nudell, Kathy Hemmens, Peter Moskovitz (attending remotely)
3. Absent: Norma Wiesen, Tyler Buswell
4. Minutes of February 9th and 26th unanimously approved
5. Buffalo Mountain Steering Committee
 - i. Shared and reviewed Kristen Leahy's Steering Committee framework and compiled comments to send back. The Trust for Public Land and the Northern Rivers Land Trust were also invited to comment.
 - ii. Once the Steering Committee application process is finalized, **Rachel** will email those who previously indicated an interest in serving on this committee
 - iii. We will find out what, if any, role we can play in the formation of the committee.
6. Fundraising for the BMTF
 - i. The Buffalo Mountain Town Forest purchase budget includes \$25,000 of local fundraising
 - ii. We will hold off fund raising until we get direction from Northern Rivers Land Trust
7. Discussion on the creation of a Conservation Fund
 - i. Presented members with a draft of Conservation Fund Policy
 - ii. Discussed comments and corrections for the policy. All comments and amendments can also be sent to Lucy and Rachel who will incorporate the into a second draft

8. Joe brought up the possibility of assisting the Recreation Committee with Green-up day this year.
9. Brainstormed ideas for events
10. Next Regular Meeting - Monday, April 13th, 2026 at 5pm @ The Memorial Building

Submitted by Lucy Zendzian, Co-chair