

Town of Hardwick, VT

Hardwick Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8, 2026 @ Memorial Building

Present: Kathy Hemmens, Rachel Kane, Peter Moskovitz (remotely), Joe Nudell, Ben Pougner, Norma Wiesen, Lucy Zendzian

Absent: Lesa Cathcart

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.
2. Norma read a letter of congratulations from Anne Batten to the HCC for its work to create the Buffalo Mountain Town Forest
3. Minutes of May 11, 2026 unanimously approved
4. Phragmites event follow-up: **Lucy** reported low attendance but engaged audience
5. Discussion: Proposed Conservation Fund
 - a. **Joe** will contact Newark about their experience with a conservation fund
 - b. **Kathy** will talk with Casey Rowell to compare a potential Conservation Fund model with the capital fund model of the Hardwick Trails Committee
 - c. **Lucy** will contact Alex Commizzo, Assoc. of Vermont Conservation Commissions, for more information
6. Discussion: Hardwick Town Municipal Plan for 2027
 - a. Questions about connecting HCC's suggestions to our mission statement, about including the future of Jackson Dam, about deadlines for input, etc. were discussed
 - b. **Joe** reported that the Selectboard will be forming a steering committee to work on the Jackson Dam recommendations
 - c. **Lucy** will invite Kristen Leahy to our next meeting to discuss Jackson Dam
7. **Rachel** will contact Kristen Leahy for information about Japanese knotweed mitigation along the Lamoille below Brush Street

8. The HCC declined to be named in advertising for a Galaxy Bookshop event with Ethan Tapper. Discussion of inviting Ethan Tapper for a later presentation about forests.
 9. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.
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Next Regular Meeting: Mon. July 6, 2026 @ 5:00pm @ Memorial Bldg.

Submitted by Norma Wiesen, Secretary