

**HARDWICK TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, October 6 , 2025
5:00-6:00 PM**

**GMTCC
Forestry Program Classroom**

In attendance: Emily P, Eric R, Corey H, Helen B, John T, Andy G, Dave M, Norma S, Joe N, Wayne R, Heather and Steve B

1. Welcome
2. Emily Potter: County Forester for Lamoille County and Hardwick
 - Will work with GMTCC to produce Forest Management Plan for Hazen's property
 - Will coordinate with abutting land owners and fire district
 - Could take up to three years to complete
 - Will balance preservation/management and set aside approx. 30% for preservation
3. Review/acceptance of September 8 Minutes—approved unanimously
4. Updates:
 - Kiosks/Maps (Dave)
 - trail map is currently being revamped
 - should be ready soon for approval
 - Grant funded work (Eric & Wayne)
 - culverts purchased for Green Trail repairs
 - work should start mid-October
 - Summer Camp Programming (see below)
 - Amazingly successful!
 - Approx. 100 kids
 - Hope to do it again next summer if funding can be found
 - Trails Conditions (Wayne)
 - Trails in good condition
 - Dry and dusty
5. Pumpkin Walk Reflection & Follow-up
 - Yay for electric tea lights!
 - Over 400 attendees!!
 - \$154 in donations
6. Winter Programming
 - Great kids ski equipment inventory
 - Looking for funding to hire ski instructor for weekends—Corey might know some candidates
 - Cabin will be open for ski loans

7. Other Business

- Helen
 - hope to revive ropes course, Corey has some equipment
 - Need to meet with Jason B to discuss ropes course and possible disc golf course
- Norma S
 - Ordered replacement bench for Lew's Loop
 - Lamoille Woodcraft will install
- Eric R
 - Donations at Riverside Cycles--Norma S will collect
 - Need new Skandic! GMTCC will help groom
 - Will bill town for excavator hours and fuel used building new trail this summer (46 hours @\$30/hr)

8. Adjourn 6:10

Next Meeting November 3

WonderKids Camp Overview

This year, Rural Arts Collaborative's WonderKids Summer Enrichment Camp was held on the campus of Hazen Union in Hardwick. During the five weeks of camp, nearly 100 different kids from Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick, Stannard, Wolcott, and Woodbury came to camp to create art, enjoy the outdoors, serve their communities, and make new friends. The location of the camp being on the Hazen campus made it easy for campers to access the Hardwick trails, and the trails quickly became a favorite part of camp for many of the children. Daily walking on the trails, running the Fitness Loop, or playing in the river--kids explored much of what the trails had to offer. For two weeks of the program, we also had groups of campers participating in a mountain biking program on the trails. This was a very popular activity for many of our campers and one that they have asked to be repeated next year. You can read more about the summer and see some photos at our website [here](#).