



## Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) December 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was conducted at the Thornton Town Hall on December 10, 2019 from 3:05 PM until 4:05 PM.
- Present in the meeting were Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) Members: Myrtle Lewis (Chair), Jerry Sobolewski, Alisoun Hodges and Al Lewis; John Gallagher was absent.
- Present from the community was Sally Davis (previous TCC member).
- The following was discussed:
  - Partner with the Transfer Station staff to improve and promote the recycling operations. Find out what they need (at the next meeting) and work out a plan for implementation (improved communications or signage, etc.)
  - The results of the Town of Thornton land usage review:
    - Town Land includes: Town Hall, Town storage buildings, old Town Hall (Rt. 175), Cemeteries – more work will be done on this.
    - Approximately 48 % of land is in Conservation or is Public Lands (White Mountain National Forest)
    - We also need to further inventory wetlands, open space and ecological lands
  - A proposal for a monthly photo contest for wildlife in Thornton, with a monthly prize. This could improve awareness of the Thornton Conservation Commission and provide documentation about wild animals in Thornton (for future reporting); this will require BOS approval, prior to implementation.
  - The Thornton Conservation Commission website improvements and updates: <https://www.townofthornton.org/conservation-commission>
  - The Conservation Commission budget and funding mechanisms:
    - There is approximately \$6,000 in the TCC account
    - We will investigate the funding mechanisms, including the Current Use Tax system and beneficial expenditures
  - Actions for Next Meeting:
    - Further evaluate Town Properties – Jerry
    - Evaluate Current Use funding mechanisms for the TCC – Al
    - Bring recommendations for improving the TCC website – All
    - Bring questions for the Transfer Station staff (about TS Operations)
- The TCC meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM. The next meeting is on January 14, 2020 at 3:00 PM at Town Hall.