



## Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) January 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was conducted at the Thornton Town Hall on January 14, 2020 from 3:02 PM until 4:32 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. Steve Chiocca, Assistant Manager of the Transfer Station was also present
- The following was discussed:
  - The Thornton/Campton/Ellsworth Transfer Station:
    - Steve discussed (TS) operations, including recent trends and challenges they are having
    - Recently, there have been a few occasions when the TS had to close because the trash bin was full; there has been an increase in trash quantities over several years
    - The TS construction is underway: these improvements will provide running water, a restroom and a break room for TS staff
    - There is an issue with local landfill capabilities, the local landfill in use, may be closed earlier than anticipated
    - The Town BOS will form a Transfer Station Advisory Committee, to plan for future operations and growth (including written operating policies, better signage, checking for vehicle stickers, managing trash from renters & airbnb's etc.)
  - The 2020 TCC Quarterly Photo Contest
    - We agreed to go forward with a Thornton quarterly photo contest for pictures taken in Thornton
    - The photos could be used for conservation reports and the Town website
    - We will write up rules and discuss further
  - Jerry discussed several Town Owned Lands, with good wildlife and recreational properties
    - Area east of Route 3 along the Pemigewasset River, at Cross Road (24 acres); could improve boat access and parking
    - Area at the end of Doe Run Road (3 acres) in a developed neighborhood; could be developed for trails and parking
    - Approximately 48% of Thornton is conservation and public lands (White Mountain National Forest)
    - The TCC is building the inventory of Town Owned Lands for the conservation town reporting
- The TCC meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM. The next meeting is on February 11, 2020 at 3:00 PM at Town Hall.