

Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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- The meeting was conducted via Zoom on January 21, 2021 from approximately 3:00 PM until 4:15 PM with Myrtle, Al, Jerry, Katri and guest Maryellen Sakura.
- The following was discussed:
 - **Construction Projects**
 - **Tom Duffield of Duffield Engineering - H. Boar Property Pemigewasset River Bank Stabilization** - No updates and the Planning Dept. has not received an application, likely delayed until spring.
 - **Vertex Cell Phone Tower** – The access road site walk was conducted on Dec 12 TCC with TCC members and the wetlands scientist and the project engineer. They appeared to be following DES wetlands guidelines. We will review the wetlands permit application after it is submitted to the Town Planning Department. Katri wrote a summary report of the site walk and that was submitted to Kathy Menici, Thornton Planning Director.
 - **2020 TCC Quarterly Photo Contest**
 - Katri will create a poster to publicize the photo contest. It will be posted at local town businesses (hopefully that will improve participation).
 - **Outreach & Communication with the Thornton Community**
 - Katri will talk to Desiree about putting more photos or adding a photo album on the Thornton Town FB page.
 - Katri will also look into adding an Instagram account for the TCC.
 - Everyone on the TCC was encouraged to send Thornton nature photos to Katri for posting (thanks Jerry, Maryellen & Katri).
 - **Community Conservation Cohort Training (sponsored by DES, F&G & NH Extension)**
 - We have a TAFW Cohorts call-in meeting on January 20 at 4:15 PM and there will be a final 3-hour training in April.
 - Jerry will continue researching the property owners along the Pemi (in Thornton) and will develop the outlines of a plan for reaching out to them.
 - Katri has created a shared Google folder so that we can add and share data about the Pemigewasset River and we will add documents and links into it.
 - Myrtle will research the economic impacts of having the Pemi flow through Thornton.
 - **January 12, 2021 TCC Agenda**
 - Includes the Photo Contest participation review & publicity and next steps for the TAFW Cohorts Pemi River Riparian Project
- The TCC meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM. pm. The next meeting is on February 9, 2021 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.