

Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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- The meeting was conducted via Zoom on March 9, 2021 from approximately 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM with Myrtle, Al, Katri, Jerry and Maryellen Sakura. Jeff Scholtz (Sugar Run) called into the meeting.
- The following was discussed:
 - **Town Annual Report** – The TCC Photo Contest was front and center on the Annual Town Report Publication (just released) on the cover (with Adel Barnes trail in woods photo), a one-page summary of the TCC activities and a two-page about the photo contest with photos from the TCC members.
 - **2020 TCC Quarterly Photo Contest**
 - We have gotten four entries so far for 1Q 2021.
 - **Vertex Cell Phone Tower** – No updates since the last meeting. Myrtle will contact Kathy Menici to get an update.
 - **Proposed House Construction on Remington Road (with PRLAC)** – Katri conducted a site review (with PRLAC)
 - A house is proposed to be built very close to the steep bank of the Pemi River and there has already been scouring of the river channel. It was recommended that the house be constructed further from the river and trees not be removed (to stabilize the slope)
 - **Owl's Nest** – Jerry attended a recent Planning Board Meeting
 - There are applications to build 500 housing units; they have a permit to draw water from the Pemi to fill the <10 acre pond and also to keep the pond filled and for ongoing landscape irrigation; they have another 100 acres of land along the Pemi; they have a contract with Waste Management for trash and recycling; they plan to develop a trail along Mt. River East.
 - **Training – Saving Special Places Conference – April 9 & 10 (Virtual)**
 - It is a two half day conference; Myrtle and Katri are interested in attending
 - **Town ID's**
 - The TCC gave their preferences for business cards personal information; Maryellen will work on the artwork for TCC shirts.
 - **Community Conservation Cohort Training (sponsored by DES, F&G & NH Extension)**
 - Our next meeting for the TAFW Cohorts is March 23 4:45 PM.
 - We have all been doing research and putting documents into the Shared Google page that Katri created. Katri has created some briefing charts, which we have amended.
 - Katri will present to the briefing charts to the BOS (April 21 tentative).
 - **April 13, 2021 TCC Agenda**
 - Updates on: the Photo Contest photo prize selection, next steps for the TAFW Cohorts Pemi River Riparian Project, Owl's Nest development drawing & permit review, etc.
- The next meeting is on April 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.