

Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) April 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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- The meeting was conducted via Zoom on April 13, 2021 from approximately 3:00 PM until about 4:50 PM with Myrtle, Al, Katri, Jerry, Maryellen Sakura and Mike Boisvert. Residents: Sally Davis and Elaine Scholtz called into the meeting.
- The following was discussed:
 - **TCC Monies** - Sally Davis brought up that there are monies (collected by the Town and released at the end of the year) that are to go to the TCC. The Town staff will verify this. (Thanks Sally for bringing this up at the Town Meeting). This funding could support the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for Thornton. Lisa Donner of PSU is looking into if one of her students can support this.
 - **2020 TCC Quarterly Photo Contest** - The winners of the 1Q 2021 have been chosen for the 16&U and the 17 & over. The winner information will be sent to our sponsor, Roper Real Estate, Waterville Valley and \$ prizes will be issued.
 - **New TCC Member:** Mike Boisvert – we welcomed our newest member – he is an avid hiker, interested in land conservation and is a financial professional.
 - **Vertex Cell Phone Tower** – Elaine Scholtz provided an update: the FCC may do an EIP assessment. Vertex may need to complete a full NEPA review (if planning board goes forward).
 - **Owl's Nest** – Jerry attended a recent Thornton Planning Board Meeting. The DES permit for filling the pond with Pemigewasset River water (over four months) has been issued (ends when full or August 15 – whichever comes first). If water from the Pemi is to be used for other purposes, an additional DES permit will be required. We will look into partnering with the Campton Conservation Commission to conduct a field review of the pond water filling.
 - **Grant programs** - Jerry participated in the Campton Conservation Commission Annual Lands Zoom meeting. They discussed resources including the LCHIP (moose plates) grant program. The TCC will come up with plans about projects we want to pursue, costs and timelines.
 - **Training – Saving Special Places Annual Conference – April 9 & 10 (Virtual)** – Katri and Myrtle attended. The sessions were very good, particularly about accessible trails, wilderness in conservation land, inclusivity, etc. We should have TCC members participate, going forward.
 - **Community Conservation Cohort Training (sponsored by DES, F&G & NH Extension)**
 - We went over the project summary charts to be presented on April 16 (final CCC session).
 - Katri will present The Pemi Project to the BOS on May 5.
 - **TCC Shirt Design** – Maryellen looked into having shirts made up for TCC members to wear at outreach functions. It was going to cost more than \$150, so for now; we will put it on the back burner.
 - **May 11, 2021 TCC Agenda** - Pemi River project presentation for BOS, Owl's Nest pond field trip, financial project planning.
- The next meeting is on May 11, 2021 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.