

# Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) May 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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- The meeting was conducted via Zoom on May 11, 2021 from approximately 3:00 PM until about 4:15 PM with Myrtle, Al, Katri, Jerry, Maryellen Sakura and Mike Boisvert.
- The following was discussed:
  - **Protect the Pemi Project**
    - Katri presented to the Thornton BOS about the Pemi Project on May 5. The presentation was very well received by the Board. The BOS were very engaged with the presentation and were encouraging about the outreach project. (it was an implied standing ovation)
  - The TCC needs to verify public access points to the Pemi; and adjacent property owners may not want public access there
  - Fish & Game Lands Team will be meeting May 18, Katri reached out to them to discuss the Pemi Wildlife Management Area (WMA), with access off Robins Nest Road, (may place TCC on signage). TCC is proposing to improve the area parking, boat access, educational kiosk & toilet facilities.
  - Mike is talking to local outfitters (Ski Fanatics & Art's Outfitters) about supporting a cleanup paddle on the Pemi. American Rivers promotes river cleanups and Mike can write an article for the local paper.
  - We missed the cutoff for Discover Thornton for this year, but we will plan to participate in 2022, to raise awareness about the TCC
  - Town Night Out in August – Maryellen will follow up with Town Hall
  - There is a large parcel of land (119 acres) that may be available for sale or conservation, east of 175 between the Elementary School and Benton's, Maryellen will follow up about
  - The use of lawn signs to promote Protecting the Pemi, (for posting along 175 & at boat launches); this is an outreach opportunity, prices 20 for \$45 signs, Mike will follow up
  - Development of TCC & Pemi protection pamphlets to provide to homeowners, Mike & Katri to work on
  - **June 8, 2021 TCC Agenda** – as listed above
- The next meeting is on June 8, 2021 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.