

Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) June 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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- The meeting was conducted via Zoom on June 8, 2021 from approximately 3:00 PM until about 4:30 PM with Myrtle, Al, Katri, Jerry, Maryellen and Mike. Deborah Hurley (resident) also called into the meeting to discuss the Johnston property (see below)
- The following was discussed:
 - Deborah and Maryellen provided details about the 120 acre property off Sunrise Hill Road (north of the Thornton Central School) that is for sale. It was recently clear-cut logged. We discussed this as a possible conservation land (other than the two house lots), if it was donated.
 - Pemi River Cleanup – Mike has worked with the Thornton Town staff to get the cleanup notice posted on the Town website and he is forwarding it to the CCC as well. The two outfitters want to have three start times from Ski Fanatics & Art's Outfitters at 9:30, 11:00 & 12:30 (& arriving a half hour before). We also discussed put in and take out points on the Pemi in Thornton
 - Protect the Pemi
 - Katri is available to present to the Thornton Zoning Board on June 24 at 6:00 PM, so the TCC will request to be on the Agenda.
 - Top priorities: Sustainable access point for the river & educational resources for public
 - Pamphlet & Lawn Signs, we will have a draft by next meeting
 - DOT Property by Robin's Nest Road as a developed site for Pemi River access:
 - We need to develop a 1, 3 & 5 year plan
 - Improve parking (may involve removing trees), designated parking spots, loading/unloading areas, make it work for public & outfitters
 - Improve drainage
 - Porta potty (seasonal or permanent), one or two
 - Kiosk & educational information and signage (pack in & pack out)
 - Adam's Farm Town property – 3.8 acres (off exit 29), Al will send out an email with a map and information about the land
 - Town Night Out in August – Maryellen has reserved two tables for the event. We will come up with some interactive & educational ideas for families (so they know there is a TCC)
 - Owl's Nest – plans to install more groundwater wells and there is concern about negative impacts to existing residential wells in the area, TCC has reached out to DES and will report back
 - July 13, 2021 TCC Agenda – Pemi Project Updates (pamphlet, lawn signs, project summary & presentation to BOS), Town Night Out planning
- Upcoming Dates:
 - June 18 - Friends of the Pemi training on June 18 at Noon at the Livermore Falls State Park parking lot (for those volunteering on weekends)
 - June 22 – Pemi River Cleanup
 - August 3 – Town Night Out, 5:00 – 8:00 PM at Benton's Campground
- The next meeting is on July 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM in person at Town Hall