

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

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- The meeting was conducted in person on June 8, 2021 from approximately 3:00 PM until about 4:50 PM with Myrtle, Al, Katri, Jerry and Mike. Maryellen was not able to attend.
- The following was discussed:
 - TCC business cards were handed out.
 - We discussed with Debra improving the incoming email flow. Al will send her an email, describing what we need to do to automatically forward emails to the TCC members.
 - Pemi River Cleanup – Mike reported on the event. The cleanup had to be rescheduled due to rain, so there were fewer participants. The event was successful and several garbage bags of trash were collected along the river. There were two start times, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM. About 20 people participated at the Lincoln and Campton/Thornton locations. We are considering having an end of season cleanup (water level permitting) and will definitely plan to coordinate this effort next year, with the two outfitters: Ski Fanatics and Art's Outfitters. Next year, we will also use a canoe (to carry out the big stuff) and will regroup half way.
 - Recent Construction Projects:
 - Owl's Nest Pond Filling – the pond has not been filled yet (Pemi water), we will monitor
 - Pemi Campground Expansion – the BOS reviewed the project and communicated to the owners, to stop construction activities until they have the necessary DES permits.
 - West Branch Project Forest Campton CC – Mike got a de-brief from Jane Kellogg – they have acquired about 80 acres in Town land. It took two years to get funding and they hired a grant writer to apply for grant monies. They got a conservation easement. They got funding from the Land Use Exchange Fee (from properties taken out of current use). She recommended we do an NRI first and then request a warrant article for Thornton
 - Protect the Pemi Project
 - We discussed the watershed steward program and if we should hire the DES consultant or create a program of our own. We decided to make one of our own, involving outreach, a pamphlet, maybe a site review, details pending.
 - Maryellen has someone who will create a site map of the DOT Pemi River access and then we will document our plan.
 - Neighborhood Night Out on August 3 – This is an outdoor event for the towns of Thornton, Campton and Waterville Valley. Maryellen has reserved two tables for the event. Mike bought an easy up canopy. With one table we will provide information about the Pemi Cleanup and the Protect the Pemi brochure and the other table will be the edible aquifer interactive activity. Myrtle will get the TCC banner.
 - NH Bio Blitz in September – this is a program promoted by UNH Extension using the iNaturalist app. We will encourage folks to use this app to take pictures of plants or animals, etc. in Thornton and post them on the app, during the month of September. Mike will post this on the FB Pemi Valley Hiker's site, to get the word out.
 - August 10 TCC Agenda – As noted
- Upcoming Dates:
 - September – Bio Blitz [NH BioBlitz | UNH Extension](#)
- The next meeting is on August 10, 2021 at 3:00 PM in person at Town Hall