

Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) August 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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- The meeting was conducted in person on August 10 2021 from approximately 3:10 PM until about 4:50 PM with Myrtle, Al, Jerry Maryellen and Mike. Katri was not able to attend.
- The following was discussed:
 - We met with Audra Klumb (A&D Klumb Environmental) to discuss an expedited wetlands permit for a driveway installation for a new house construction on Centennial Drive. She described this project as a pretty straight forward design/construction, so the TCC agreed to meet with her at the site (Centennial Way, Thornton, Lot 1-50-9).
 - Adam's Farm Property – Thornton Town Lands. Al recently sent an email with the tax map and Google map. There are about 3 acres with 1 level acre. One of the tasks for the TCC is to post the Town Lands on the town website.
 - Recent Construction Projects:
 - Owl's Nest Pond Filling – the pond has not been filled yet (Pemi water). DES has issued an amendment of the permit for the temporary withdrawal from the Pemi. Owl's Nest intends to modify the permit for long-term withdrawal of water from the Pemi (with limiting conditions).
 - Johnson Property – it is still on the market. Deb Hurley will ask the realtor, if they would donate the land on top to the Town, for development into trails.
 - Pemi Campground Expansion – No known further activity since last TCC meeting.
 - Pemi Project
 - The "Protect the Pemi" pamphlets will be displayed in a holder at the Town Hall counter.
 - We will create our own Watershed "Steward" program with outreach, pamphlets, lawn signs, etc. (roll-out next spring).
 - We went over the map of the Pemi River access via Robin's Nest. Thanks to Jerry and Maryellen for their work on getting a professional quality map for presentation, going forward with the project. Next we will talk to DOT and BOS, to see if this will move forward in concept; but which will ultimately be paced by funding.
 - Neighborhood Night Out on August 3 – the outreach activity was a success. We interacted with over 100 children and families, explaining the importance of protecting the groundwater from contamination. We discussed themes for next year: Fish & Game (staff & publications) presenting for keep wildlife wild (particularly bears).
 - NH Bio Blitz in September – this is a program promoted by UNH Extension using the iNaturalist app., particularly for Town Lands. We will work on the town lands part first.
 - After the meeting, we went to the job site for the driveway construction (per Audra Klumb) and reviewed the area of the wooded wetland and the proposed driveway. As stated, it was pretty straight forward, with no reasons not to approve the plans.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - September – Bio Blitz [NH BioBlitz | UNH Extension](#)
 - The next TCC meeting is on September 14, 2021 at 3:00 PM in person at Town Hall.