

Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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- The meeting was conducted in person on October 12, 2021 from approximately 3:05 PM until about 5:00 PM with Myrtle, Al, Jerry, Mike and Katri. Maryellen was not able to attend.
- The following was discussed:
 - Recent Construction Projects:
 - The Centennial Way - Standard Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit Application approved on September 16, 2021 (for a residential driveway)
 - Remington Road – Standard Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit Application determined on September 13, 2021, that additional information is required for the bank stabilization design
 - Pemi River Access Project - Katri has not gotten any updates from DOT about the Robin's Nest Pemigewasset River access property. We are on hold, until we get the green light from DOT. We also discussed, going to the Planning Board meeting (but not until we get approval from DOT).
 - Natural Resources Inventory:
 - Myrtle presented at the October 6 BOS meeting about the application for Antioch University to complete an NRI for Thornton as a student internship project (2022 Q1 - Q2). Costs would be incurred for copying & mileage charges. We will know if we are selected in December. The application was accepted by AU.
 - Mike found a copy of the 2013 Thornton Master Plan, which includes detailed NRI related information.
 - Fundamentals of Conservation Commissions training was presented by Myrtle (charts from the Chichester Conservation Commission); 30 charts. We discussed that the meeting minutes are required to be approved within five days of the next meeting (Myrtle will confirm with Debra). We also discussed Current Use funding (10%) for TCC.
 - Thornton GIS Data – we agreed to spend some time becoming familiar with the GRANIT database, to gather available information about Thornton's natural resources. We will also (before the next meeting) look into the SADES website for culvert assessments (want to put it into a meaningful format for BOS). There is also Wetlands Mapper, from DES.
 - PRLAC September 30 Meeting: We discussed several DES regulated construction projects: Remington Road dredge & fill & request for more information; Solar Farm NE Electric Coop in Bristol; Jellystone Campground – replaced a building; Ahern Tree Farm – bank stabilization complete (used John Fields hydro-geologist); Rt. 3 culvert modification (smaller pipe inside the existing one), the wetland permit application was submitted by DOT, Tyson said there are grants available to improve the culvert long term (Myrtle will follow up).
- Upcoming Dates:
 - The next TCC meeting is on November 9, 2021 at 3:00 PM in person at Town Hall.