

# Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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- The meeting was conducted in person on February 8, 2022 from approximately 3:00 PM until about 4:20 PM with Myrtle, Al, Jerry, Maryellen & Mike, in-person, and Katri via Zoom.
- Meeting minutes for the January 11 TCC meeting were approved (unanimously).
- The following was discussed:
  - Recent Construction Projects:
    - No updates for Owl's Nest or other projects
    - The TCC will meet with the NH DOT Representative (Steve Piper) right after the meeting (4:30 PM), it is about a mile south of Cross Road on Rt. 3. The project is to replace a failing stone box culvert for the DOT Rail line. The one-day project will happen this spring.
  - Robin's Nest Access Project: Katri has been in contact with Alan Hanscom, NH DOT, and has gotten a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). We discussed clarification questions for DOT and next steps. We would like to have Alan participate in the next TCC meeting, followed by a site visit.
  - TCC Facebook Page or Use Town Facebook Page: Mike talked with Desiree about if we should create our own TCC FB page and we decided that it makes more sense to utilize the Town's FB page (it is easy to update through Desiree and it is effective).
  - Quarterly Photo Contest: there were no photo submittals for the last quarter. We will look into using the Town email updates or Facebook page to publicize the quarterly photo contest.
  - Monies from Current Use Fees: The TCC got \$1,500 in revenues in 2021 from the Current Use Fees and currently has a balance of \$14,775.
  - USFS Program to Plant Trees on Public or Private Lands: through a grant to protect watersheds. We will get a flyer from Tyson Morrill and will reach out to landowners in Thornton.
  - Federal Monies for DOT Infrastructure: Dillan Schmidt of NH DOT sent an email to Towns requesting feedback about priorities for DOT infrastructure (culverts/bridges etc.) improvements. Debra forwarded this to the BOS who will prepare a response.
  - What is TCC's Role for Impacting Regulatory Agendas: we discussed what our role should be for providing input to legislators about pending legislation or other issues. Going forward, we will discuss future issues, but are more inclined to provide feedback about issues directly affecting Thornton (and not the overall State).
  - PRLAC Update – not provided
- Upcoming Dates:
  - Saving Special Places annual conference (virtual) on April 8 & 9
  - New Hampshire Assoc. of Conservation Commissions on November 5
  - The next TCC meeting is on March 8, 2022 at 3:00 PM in person at Town Hall.