



## Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) July 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was conducted at the Thornton Town Hall on July 14, 2020 from 3:00 PM until 4:20 PM. Members were socially distanced in the room.
- Present in the meeting were Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) Members: Myrtle Lewis (Chair), Jerry Sobolewski, Al Lewis and Katri Gurney. Also, present was John Roberge, to discuss a construction project on Depot Road.
- TCC meetings were not conducted in April, May or June, due to the COVID-19 impacts.
- The following was discussed:
  - The 2020 TCC Quarterly Photo Contest
    - This project has been delayed until the August meeting, Myrtle will discuss with the BOS.
  - Community Conservation Cohort Training
    - Three CC members will participate in online training to learn how to protect wildlife and natural resources and to learn how other CCs operate. This training is free and is sponsored by UNH Extension, Fish & Game and the NHACC.
  - Natural Resources Inventory
    - The TCC is taking on the project of completing the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) for Thornton, with a draft Plan to be completed in September. The plan will include information about Thornton's water resources, soils, wildlife habitats, historical and cultural resources and conservation lands.
  - Winosha Integrated Logging Project near Millbrook Road in Thornton
    - Jerry brought up this large logging project which will have a potentially negative impact due to clear cutting and extensive use of logging trucks. Jerry will provide input for the August TCC meeting on this subject
  - Owl's Nest Development
    - The TCC has not been involved in this community planning, which includes single family homes, townhouses, a 3-story hotel and a large pond. Myrtle will request to see the approved master plan. (Al & John will work on this)
  - TCC Mission & Vision Statements
    - Katri proposed expanding and improving the current TCC mission and vision statements; by evaluating those of other CCs and she provided draft mission and vision statements.
  - Falconi Residence Flood Mitigation Project, 101 Depot Road
    - John Roberge discussed the project with construction drawings that consists of building a bridge and culvert to reduce natural flooding from Hubbard Brook. The TCC Team then drove to the property to see where and how the changes would take place.



- August 11 TCC Agenda
  - Includes the TCC Photo Contest, Winosha Integrated Logging Project, Owl's Nest Development, TCC Mission & Vision Statements, the Thornton NRI and the Falconi Project Update.
- Alisoun Hodges and John Gallagher have resigned from the TCC, at this time
- The TCC meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM. The site tour of the Falconi project was completed at 5:30 pm. The next meeting is on August 11, 2020 at 3:00 PM at Town Hall.