



Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) August 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was conducted at the Thornton Town Hall on August 11, 2020 from 3:00 PM until 4:40 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 were Terri Qualters to discuss the photo contest sponsorship and John Roberge, to discuss a construction project on Depot Road.
- The following was discussed:
 - The 2020 TCC Quarterly Photo Contest
 - The rules have been approved by the BOS.
 - The TCC will review and award winners for the photo contest at the meeting after the quarter, at the next TCC meetings on Oct 13 and Jan 12.
 - The TCC will email photo contest winner names Roper Real Estate and they will issue the checks.
 - The TCC will award certificates and checks for winners and certificates for honorable mentions entrants.
 - Photo contest rules and entry forms will also be available at the Thornton Public Library.
 - <http://www.townofthornton.org/conservation-commission/news/2020-2021-conservation-commission-photo-contest>
 - Community Conservation Cohort Training
 - Three CC members will participate in four 3-hour online training sessions 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 simplified 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.
 - Owl's Nest Development
 - The TCC requested information about the Owl's Nest development from the Thornton Planning Department. Updates are available at the Thornton Planning meetings.
 - TCC Mission & Vision Statements
 - Katri updated the Thornton Conservation Commission Mission Statement to include more details. It has been updated on the Thornton Conservation Commission website: <http://www.townofthornton.org/conservation-commission>
 - Falconi Residence Flood Mitigation Project, 101 Depot Road



- John Roberge discussed the final project drawings and we reviewed the wetland permit application. Myrtle talked to Craig Rennie from DES and confirmed that the TCC doesn't sign the standard dredge and fill application. The TCC approved the application via email to DES.
- September 8 TCC Agenda
 - Includes the Thornton NRI
- The TCC meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM. pm. The next meeting is on September 8, 2020 at 3:00 PM at Town Hall.