



Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) October 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was conducted at the Thornton Town Hall on October 13, 2020 from 3:00 PM until 4:30 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.
- The following was discussed:
 - **Zoom Meetings Going Forward**
 - We have decided to have TCC meetings via Zoom for the foreseeable future (due to Covid) rather than having in person meetings at Town Hall
 - Myrtle will coordinate this with Debra to get set up via Zoom for the 2nd Tuesday of the month.
 - **2020 TCC Quarterly Photo Contest**
 - We have selected a winner for the 17+ age category: Adel Barnes. She submitted two photos: one of peaked hill pond trail and one of peaked hill pond. Both photos are amazing and she will be awarded the \$50 prize, by our sponsor, Roper Real Estate, Waterville Valley.
 - In order to improve upon the number of photo contest entries, we will take the following actions:
 - Jerry will put an article in the local paper about the contest and our latest winner.
 - Myrtle will go to the next school board meeting (Oct 26 @ 5:30 PM) to promote the photo contest.
 - We will look into adding information to the Town and Police Department Face book Pages (anyone interested in this?).
 - **Community Conservation Cohort Training (sponsored by DES, F&G & NH Extension)**
 - Katri, Jerry and Myrtle have participated in the second 3-hours session on
 - We will have a 45-minute session with Amanda Stone and Wendy Scribner from UNH Extension to talk about projects.
 - Our projects are:
 - culvert assessments
 - Pemigewasset River corridor protection
 - Strengthen the NRI (with actions for these projects)
 - **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)**
 - The NRI includes information about Thornton's water resources, soils, wildlife habitats, historical and cultural resources and conservation lands.



- We discussed reaching out to land owners along the Pemi (to talk to them about conservation). Myrtle will try to crack the code of GRANIT view, to get some updated Thornton maps.
- Goals of the NRI (short term) – left in so we can keep focus on goals
 - Support Thornton’s current rate of growth and to sustain the scenic character of this Town
 - Teach the community how to safely live with wild animals (in the neighborhood)
 - Provide resources to the community (residents & visitors) about access to the local outdoors, via trail maps & descriptions and other information
 - Provide outreach to the community at Town Meetings and other events
 - Complete an annual review of meeting goals for the NRI
- Goals of the NRI (long term) – left in so we can keep focus on goals
 - Create a Conservation Plan
 - Evaluate lands at risk that may need to be protected
 - Review zoning ordinance updates and conservation impacts from new developments
 - Update other planning documents, such as the Thornton Master Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan, from the NRI
- **November 10 TCC Agenda**
 - Includes the Thornton NRI, Photo Contest publicity, the project discussion for CCC and any updates on the NRI. Thornton’s new planning director will also be invited.
- The TCC meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM. pm. The next meeting is on November 10, 2020 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.