



Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was conducted at the Thornton Town Hall on November 10, 2020 from 3:02 PM until 3:45 PM (Myrtle) and via Zoom (Al & Katri) and calling in (Jerry).
- The following was discussed:
 - **Tom Duffield of Duffield Engineering stopped by the meeting to drop-off drawings and a summary of the H. Boar property on the Pemigewasset River.**
 - The property off Remington Road has experienced significant river bank erosion (it is near a bend in the river) and the project plans include stabilizing the river bank.
 - This project will also include a DES Wetland Permit Application
 - The Thornton Conservation Commission members will schedule a site walk-thru (completed on November 13).
 - **2020 TCC Quarterly Photo Contest**
 - Our contest sponsor, Roper Real Estate in Waterville Valley, paid our first winner (3rdQ 2020), the \$50 prize via check.
 - Myrtle has reached out to the Thornton Public Library Director, Nina Sargent, to find out if they have approved sending the photo contest rules to the Thornton Central School kids/parents.
 - **Community Conservation Cohort Training (sponsored by DES, F&G & NH Extension)**
 - Katri, Jerry and Myrtle have completed two 3-hours sessions about working on Conservation Commissions to promote land conservation and awareness by Thornton citizens. (completed 3rd session on November 13).
 - We have chosen a Cohorts project of promoting the Pemigewasset River – to “create a community in Thornton that is well educated about the benefits of the river and riparian ecosystems, such that the town boards and shoreland owners support and enact protections for the river and the riparian zone.
 - Katri Gurney will present the project in our next Cohorts training on November 13.
 - **Kathy Menici - new Thornton Planning Director**
 - We met with Kathy and she is very receptive to working with the TCC.
 - She is beginning her assessments of the Owl’s Nest development (active permits) and the new proposed Sugar Run cell tower project. She is preparing project summaries and recommendations to the Thornton Planning Board.
 - She is receptive to coming to meetings when the topics have conservation impacts.



- **December 10 TCC Agenda**
 - Includes the Photo Contest publicity, actions for the CCC Pemi River project, planning for these projects: Pemi River Shore Stabilization, Owl's Nest and the Sugar Run cell phone tower, etc.
- The TCC meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM. pm. The next meeting is on December 8, 2020 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.