

Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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- The meeting was conducted via Zoom on February 9, 2021 from approximately 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM with Myrtle, Al, Katri and Maryellen Sakura; Jerry was not available. Jeff Scholtz (Sugar Run) called into the meeting.
- The following was discussed:
 - **Vertex Cell Phone Tower** – No updates since the December site walk. Vertex and their contractors appear to be following DES wetlands guidelines. We will review the wetlands permit application after it is submitted to the Town Planning Department (within the next few months).
 - **2020 TCC Quarterly Photo Contest**
 - Katri's flyer was approved by the Town Administrator and has been posed at the Town Hall, Library and local businesses. This has created more interest in the photo contest and we have gotten a few entries for 1Q already.
 - **Outreach & Communication with the Thornton Community**
 - Desiree has created an album for the photo contest on the Thornton Town FB page (and she is crediting the photographers). Katri will send her the photos, going forward.
 - Katri will also look into adding an Instagram account for the TCC.
 - We would like to partner with John Gallagher of Ski Fanatics for the kayak Pemi Cleanup in the late spring, as an outreach opportunity.
 - **Community Conservation Cohort Training (sponsored by DES, F&G & NH Extension)**
 - Our next meeting for the TAFW Cohorts is February 25 4:30 PM
 - We have all been doing research and putting documents into the Shared Google page that Katri created. Katri has created some briefing charts, which we will add to.
 - We have divided the project up by category: Katri (riparian corridor & historical), Myrtle (economic impacts), Jerry (landowners on the Pemi) and Maryellen (aesthetic benefits of the Pemi).
 - The Friends of the Pemi is an organization we are looking to partner with about protecting the Pemi and improving recreational access to it.
 - Katri will present to the briefing charts to the BOS (probably in April).
 - We are working to develop resources for landowners (abutting the river) to protect the river and their frontage land. We need to provide an easy stepwise process.
 - We are interested in proposing the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) in March 2022, to generate funding for land conservation.
 - **March 9, 2021 TCC Agenda**
 - Updates on: the Photo Contest participation, next steps for the TAFW Cohorts Pemi River Riparian Project, feedback about TCC business cards, name tags & clothing, Owl's Nest development Planning Board Meeting (from Jerry), Thornton building permits (including the cell tower), attending Saving Special Places Conference (April 9-10), etc.
- The next meeting is on March 9, 2021 at 3:00 PM via Zoom.