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## **Thornton Conservation Commission November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

- The meeting was conducted at the Thornton Town Hall on November 19, 2019 from 3:00 PM until 4:20 PM.
- Present in the meeting were Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) Members: Myrtle Lewis (Chair), Jerry Sobolewski, Alisoun Hodges and Al Lewis; John Gallagher was absent.
- Present from the community was Sally Davis (previous TCC member).
- The following was discussed:
  - Very little activity for TCC in 2019; no permit applications or construction sites needed to be reviewed.
  - We have a new member, Alisoun Hodges (total of 5 members)
  - Two TCC members attended the Annual New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions meeting and training on November 2, 2019
  - Plans for 2020 TCC Activities:
    - Create an inventory of:
      - Town Owned Lands
      - Marshlands, Swamps & Wetlands
      - Open Space, Natural, Aesthetic & Ecological Lands
    - Update the Thornton Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)
    - Gather information about the natural resources of Thornton using NH GRANIT (NH Statewide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Clearinghouse and other sources (possibly partnering with a college student intern)
    - Partner with Transfer Station staff to improve and promote the recycling operations
    - Community Outreach Projects (possibly with roadside litter pickup, 2 times per year)
- Also discussed was the following
  - The Wanosha Integrated Resource Project in the White Mountain National Forest will involve logging along with other recreational projects. There is concern about the Mill Brook Road access for logging operations and potential safety impacts. Project start date is not known for logging, planned for winter season.
  - o Review the Conservation Commission budget and funding mechanisms.
  - Will schedule monthly meetings for TCC (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 3:00 PM)
- The TCC meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.