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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes October 1, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.
2. Organizational Issues:
 - The minutes for the September 10 meeting and September 17 work session were presented and approved with corrections to the work session minutes.
3. Water Issues, Lakes, Ponds, Rivers and Streams:
 - Milfoil harvest on Ossipee River: New England Milfoil is collecting from the milfoil growth area at the boat ramp on Route 153. Bill Klotz of Farm by the River has given permission for the boat to be parked at the farm overnight. Farm by the River will also take the milfoil and other water weeds to use as compost.
 - Laurie Callahan of NH River Runners reported four or five more areas of milfoil in Ossipee River between the Route 25 bridge and Huntress Bridge. These will have to be the focus of future harvests.
 - Grace Barter shoreline stabilization project: no activity.
 - Snow Road bridge fishing designation: still in development.
4. Open Space Issues:
 - LLP Cleanup on September 18: Emelyn Albert, Kamal Nath, Tim White, Jack Williams and Virginia Wrabel cleaned the trail, removed roadside vegetation, cleared stumps, raked and smoothed the trail surface and ran preliminary wheelchair tests for minimum required ADA compliance. Thanks to the volunteers for their work.
 - LLP parking: Sunday Paving paved the apron off Route 153 according to the bid previously approved. They also rolled the trail with a heavy roller for free.
 - LLP sign: Jack will be working on the road sign for LLP per his design previously presented to the commission.
 - Picnic table on Green Mountain: Jack presented prices and material options for the picnic table Kamal had requested for the summit of Green Mountain. Commission members voted for a cedar and pine table available from Skehan Home Center as an attractive option that supports local business. List price is \$375. That amount will be factored into the ECC budget.
 - Puncheon walkway in Watts Sanctuary: Members discussed materials but have placed a fairly low priority on the project for now. Harry and Jack will look into costs for railroad ties and pressure treated lumber. When they reach a satisfactory estimate they will inform Stephanie Barnes, who has volunteered to underwrite the cost of materials. Members also discussed the logistics of getting the materials to the work site.
 - Conservation lots: Two lots proposed by the Select Board for inclusion in ECC conservation lands, Map 106, Lot 15 and Map 443, Lot 159, will be placed on the warrant for next year's town meeting.
5. Education and Outreach:
 - ECC website: It is what it is. It may be more later.
 - Trash grabbers: The grabbers are now available from the town library. Tim and Virginia both saw a volunteer using them along Route 25 on Monday.
6. Other Business and Special Reports:

- 2013 Budget: Members discussed shifting amounts in the various budget categories to more accurately reflect actual expenditures. The general amount of the budget request is expected to remain the same.
 - TAFW/Master Plan: Emelyn and Jack went through the UNH-TAFW recommendations for revisions to the NRI and transmitted them to Susan Yakutis. Susan looked through them and edited the natural resources chapter for planning board approval. Emelyn alerted PB chair Joanna Bull that the draft is ready and can be submitted for this week's PB meeting if they have room on their agenda.
 - Mail: Bank statement.
 - Emelyn will attend the Ossipee Conservation Commission meeting on October 10 at the Ossipee Town Hall as part of the liaison between commissions suggested by Lynn Clark and Virginia Wrabel. Other members are welcome to attend.
7. The next work session will be held Monday, October 15 at the Municipal Offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 5, at the Municipal Offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.
 8. Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Harry Libby; Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair*); Virginia Wrabel; Absent: Dave Goulet (*Secretary*); Steph Barnes (*alt.*); Al Levesque (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)
 9. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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