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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, March 5, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m.
2. Guests, members of the public: Virginia Wrabel, Susan Slack.
3. Organizational Issues:
 - Presentation and approval of the February 6 meeting minutes and February 20 work session minutes: The minutes were approved with only minor corrections.
 - Financial Report: There was no update to the financial report.
 - Reminder: The ballot voting for Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13 at the Effingham Municipal Offices from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The deliberative session will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the Effingham Elementary School, Partridge Cove Road, at 9 a.m.
4. ECC Goals: for April these include the Earth Day Poster Contest and the spring roadside cleanup.
5. Water Issues: none
6. Open Space Issues:
 - Jack reported on the status of the ECC application for a driveway permit for LLP and requirements for approved construction.
 - Intents to Cut: Stephanie Barnes reported that two intents had been filed. Neither one presented conservation issues.
7. Education and Outreach:
 - Events:
 - Earth Day Poster Contest: Emelyn presented two options for a theme. Members chose “Be a Friend to All Our Earth. Show how you can be a friend to all creatures of our Earth.”
 - Spring Roadside Cleanup: The April roadside cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 28. Hopefully this will avoid a repeat of the snow that volunteers dealt with last year.
 - Before the March 19 work session, ECC will host representatives of UNH Cooperative Extension who will explain how Effingham might take advantage of the Taking Action for Wildlife program as part of the planning process. That presentation will begin at 6 p.m.
 - ECC Website: The town site, effingham.net, is up. One tab under the Town Officials heading is designated for conservation. Emelyn will consult with Theresa Swanick about uploading ECC content.
8. Other Business:
 - Virginia Wrabel attended as a prospective member.
 - Jack contacted Fish and Game Officer Mark Hensel about meeting with ECC to discuss cooperation between the commission and Fish and Game. Officer Hensel will try to attend the meeting on April 4.
 - Mail: Members reviewed a letter from Susan Slack regarding the new town website.
 - Susan Slack informed the board that George Bull of the Planning Board had found an organization called “Plan New Hampshire.” Plan New Hampshire helps towns devise comprehensive plans to preserve and promote important areas selected by the town. In

Effingham, the Lord's Hill Historic District is a valuable historical resource in need of such coordinated attention to halt the decline of historic structures. Plan New Hampshire charges \$5,000.00 to conduct the planning session once a town's application has been approved. The Select Board and Planning Board are soliciting support from other town boards and officials to move forward promptly with the application process. ECC members expressed their support. Emelyn will draft a letter that the Planning Board can use.

9. The next work session will be held on Monday, March 19 at the Effingham Town Offices, School Street, at 6 p.m., beginning with the TAFW presentation. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 2, at the Effingham Town Offices at 6:30 p.m.
10. Attendance: Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Dave Goulet (*Secretary*); Harry Libby; Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair*). Absent: Stephanie Barnes (*alt.*); Al Levesque (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)
11. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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