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Effingham Conservation Commission Work Session minutes, April 16, 2012

The work session was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

1. The minutes of the March meeting and work session and the April 2 meeting were approved
2. ECC members will meet with the Master Plan Committee regarding revisions to the Natural Resources section of the master plan on Thursday, May 10 at the Effingham Municipal Offices at 6:30 p.m.
 - ECC is creating a digest of the Natural Resources Inventory for the body copy of the Master Plan. The full NRI can be included as an appendix.
 - Tim will revise NRI goals for the Master Plan
 - ECC hopes that members will edit the NRI with help from Susan Yakutis.
 - Taking Action for Wildlife: Task 1 was to coordinate with the Master Plan Committee to incorporate wildlife goals into the Master Plan. This includes sharing the maps provided by UNH Extension. Emelyn will do that at the May 10 meeting. Task 2 is to write a new section dealing with wildlife habitat for the Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan. Jack will work on an outline of TAFW materials organized by specific habitat area to include in the Master Plan submission.
3. Roadside Cleanup – Emelyn will handle registration on Saturday, April 28 at the Effingham Municipal Building at 8 a.m. She will remind Dave Goulet to put out the signs the week before the event. Virginia and Emelyn are coordinating supplies for the barbecue.
4. Plantation Walk – If any participants in the roadside cleanup are interested in the walk on the Plantation land in Parsonsfield, Emelyn can lead them to meet the group after the cleanup and lunch.
5. Jack presented a list of conservation lands in Effingham which he received from Gwen in the Selectmen's office. He checked it against available information on GRANIT and included the tax map information provided on the town list. He has filled out data sheets on lots under ECC care that are not officially listed under conservation.
6. LLP – Jack staked out a parking area and has done some leveling. He is redoing the plaque. Volunteers will need to remove winter debris.
7. Emelyn reported on a meeting with the BOS and the Province Lake Association. PLA is seeking grants to form a watershed management plan for Province Lake. She also reported that PLA volunteers walk the whole perimeter of the lake looking for invasive plant species. They also watch launch sites to prevent the introduction of invasive species to the lake.
8. Emelyn summarized a letter from the Division of Forests and Lands informing ECC that they will be bidding out a logging job in Pine River State Forest this summer, with logging probably to begin off Clough Road next winter.
9. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.
10. Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair*); Virginia Wrabel. Absent: Dave Goulet (*Secretary*); Harry Libby, Stephanie Barnes (*alt.*); Al Levesque (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)

Respectfully submitted,

Tim White, Recording Secretary

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