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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, April 2, 2012

1. Guests, members of the public: Mike Cauble, Susan Yakutis, Master Plan Advisory Committee; Mike Cahalane.
 - Mike Cahalane spoke before the meeting regarding a parcel of land that will be going up for sale that would be suitable for addition to existing conservation lands in town. Harry Libby was familiar with the lot. The commission will help contact conservation organizations to inform them of the opportunity.
2. The meeting was actually called to order at 6:53 p.m.
 - Mike Cauble and Susan Yakutis discussed coordination of efforts between ECC, Master Plan Committee and the Planning Board to prepare Wildlife Action Plan and Natural Resources Inventory information for inclusion in the Master Plan. Consensus was that the introductory language should be easy to read, with hard technical data contained in appendices or otherwise available for more detailed planning uses. Mike and Susan will probably return for the April 16 work session to select a working group.
3. Organizational Issues:
 - Minutes could not be approved because most members had not received the copy emailed by the recording secretary. Tim will re-send the missing minutes.
 - Dave presented the financial report. The conservation fund balance stands at \$13, 103.87.
 - Communications, interactions with other town boards and organizations: Only what has been reported with the Master Plan Committee.
 - Ossipee Lake Alliance will hold a forum on Saturday, June 16 at Ossipee Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to noon.
 - GMCG will sponsor a walk on the Parsonsfield Plantation on Saturday, April 28, starting at 1 p.m. This is just after the KELF Earth Day Roadside Cleanup. GMCG will also host a walk on land behind the Effingham Transfer Station on May 5, time to be announced.
4. Water Issues: Kamal Nath is coordinating a project to repair the shoreline protection work that had been done on Grace Barter's property on Province Lake. Ice has severely damaged it. Kamal is working with DES and volunteers to get a plan approved and implemented for a more durable but still natural barrier to winter ice.
5. Open Space Issues:
 - LLP – ECC has received the driveway permit. The commission will arrange for construction of the parking area and investigate the addition of a paved apron later.
 - Intents to cut: None pending.
6. Education and Outreach:
 - Earth Day Poster Contest: Emelyn submitted the poster idea to the principal at Effingham Elementary School. Classes will now work on their submissions.
 - ECC website: website is up. Nothing new has been done.
7. Other Business and Special Reports:

- Taking Action for Wildlife: ECC has not received anything from UNH. Emelyn has received a list of conservation land in town from Gwen. Nature Conservancy has not gotten back yet.
 - Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. Emelyn and Virginia will work on lunch arrangements for the barbecue afterward. Kamal has contacted the volunteer list. Litter-Free New Hampshire is not giving away any promotional gifts this year, so no elm trees or daffodils.
 - Jack has postponed the visit from Fish and Game Officer Mark Hensel.
7. The next work session will be held Monday, April 16 at the Effingham Town Offices at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 7 at the Effingham Town Offices at 6:30 p.m.
 8. Attendance – Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Dave Goulet (*Secretary*); Harry Libby, Tim White (*Recording secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice chair*); Virginia Wrabel. Absent: Stephanie Barnes (*alt.*); Al Levesque (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*).
 9. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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