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Effingham Conservation Commission Work Session minutes, May 21, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. Al Levesque, member-at-large, attended to discuss an issue with a lot (Tax Map 413, Lot 159) owned by the Town of Effingham which could be placed under ECC stewardship. Members voted to agree to have the Board of Selectmen continue to set up the transfer.
2. Taking Action for Wildlife – Jack presented the next phase of his outline of wildlife habitat information for the Master Plan update. He has laid out sections for the four dominant habitat types and supporting information on the less common ones in town. Four members of ECC will work on filling out the information within the outline framework for each habitat type to be submitted to the Master Plan committee for the Wildlife Chapter of the plan.
3. Province Lake Association – Members discussed the PLA request for \$1,000.00 to fund a Lake Host to inspect incoming boats for milfoil. PLA had approached the BOS. The BOS felt this was an appropriate expenditure for the Invasive Species Capital Reserve Fund. During the discussion, members expressed support but will request a detailed plan for the use of taxpayer funds before approving the release of any amount.
4. LLP – Harry reported on the pros and cons of marking the parking area boundaries with logs. He will look into options for durable, cost-effective alternatives and report back to the commission for a final selection.
5. Snow Road Bridge – Harry had proposed that the bridge on Snow Road, near the Transfer Station, be designated as a fishing site only for people under age 16 or 65 and older. Alternatively, a section of South River along Route 153 near the fire station is under consideration.
6. Earth Day Poster Contest – Emelyn and Jack presented prizes to the winners.
7. Jack and Emelyn attended a workshop on Friday, May 18 on wetland value assessment.
8. Attendance – Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Al Levesque (*alt.*); Harry Libby; Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair*). Absent: Dave Goulet (*Secretary*); Virginia Wrabel; Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 4 at the Town Offices at 6:30 p.m. The next work session will be held Monday, June 18 at the Town Offices at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim White, Recording Secretary

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