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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, May 7, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.
2. Organizational Issues:
 - The minutes of the April 2 meeting and April 16 work session were approved.
 - Financial Report: Dave Goulet the Conservation Fund balance at \$13,175.75 as of April 5.
 - GMCG will host a walk on the town land behind the Transfer Station on Saturday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Ossipee Lake Alliance will hold a forum on Saturday, June 16, at the Ossipee Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to noon.
 - The Master Plan Committee will meet Thursday, May 10 at the Town Offices at 6:30 p.m.
3. Water Issues:
 - Grace Barter's vegetative shoreline protection project: GMCG will contribute \$500 toward project costs if Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance will match the funds. AWWA has not responded yet.
 - Province Lake Association has requested funds from the town for a project in their watershed area. ECC members discussed their views on the request and how best to accommodate it. The discussion will be continued at the work session.
 - Noreen Downs as proposed making a film about underwater milfoil harvesting. She will coordinate this with the divers when future harvests are scheduled.
4. Open Space Issues:
 - LLP: Jack has leveled the parking area by himself. Other commission members are in awe of his energy and dedication. Big thanks to Jack. Commission requests Harry to supply some logs to define the parking area boundaries.
 - Intents to cut: No new report from Steph.
5. Education and Outreach:
 - Earth Day Poster Contest: Members selected the winning poster from the submissions from each grade at Effingham Elementary School. Emelyn will inform the principal and provide the awards.
6. Other Business and Special Reports:
 - Wildlife Conservation Outline: Jack presented his outline of wildlife protection criteria. Using extracted information from state brochures on habitat types he provided an overview of habitat description, values, threats and suggested conservation practices. Discussion will continue at the work session.
 - The commission discussed the next steps in the TAFW community assistance program to prepare for another meeting with TAFW personnel from UNH. The large maps have been laminated. Grommets were installed at the meeting so maps could be displayed as similar maps are hung for public viewing and town board use in the meeting room at the town offices.

- Workshops: NH Method for wetland evaluation, Friday, May 18 at Squam Lake; Monitoring Wildlife on your Woodlot, Friday, May 25 at Tim Mountain Conservation Center, Albany.
 - Roadside Cleanup: A total of 94 bags were collected at the spring cleanup. This does not include bags that individuals might have transported on their own or collected on other days near the event.
- 7: The next work session will be held Monday, May 21 at the Town Offices at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 4 at the Town Offices at 6:30 p.m.
 - 8: Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Dave Goulet (*Secretary*); Harry Libby; Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair*). Absent: Virginia Wrabel; Steph Barnes (*alt.*); Al Levesque (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)
 - 9: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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