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## Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2012

1. Guests were Pete Dinger and Donna Davis from the Province Lake Association.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm.
3. Attendance - Members present: Emelyn Albert (Chair), Harry Libby, Jack Williams (Vice Chair).
4. Organizational Issues:
  - Minutes of the May 21 Work session were approved.
  - Financial Report was postponed because of Dave Goulet's absence.
  - Walk on the town land behind the transfer station organized by the GMCG will be held Saturday June 9, at 10:00 am.
  - The Ossipee Lake Alliance will hold a forum on Saturday June 16, at the Ossipee Town Hall from 8:30 am to noon.
5. Water Issues:
  - Request from the Province Lake Assn for \$1000 funding to assist with their Lake Host Program to prevent milfoil infestation: Donna Davis and Pete Dinger of the PLA described their specific plans for operation of a Lake Host Program to inspect incoming boats at the Province Lake boat ramp during the 2012 summer. They will be hiring and training staff to inspect boats primarily during the weekends with some volunteer participation. Any suspicious samples will be sent to the state labs at Concord for confirmation. The group is actually operating under the NH Lakes Association, a state agency.
  - Wakefield also committed \$1000 to support this program. Consensus was that Effingham should also support this as less expensive alternative to later mitigation efforts. A request will be made to the PLA for a report at the end of the season regarding their expenditures and success at finding milfoil.
  - A motion was made and approved to expend \$1000 from the Effingham Invasive Species Capital Reserve Fund to help support the PLA Lake Host Program for 2011.
  - The possibility of replacing these funds and arrangements for obtaining funds next year for a similar program during the normal Effingham budgeting process were also discussed.
6. Open Space Issues:
  - LLP: Harry will arrange to supply some saw logs to delineate the parking area boundary by mid-July.

- Intents to Cut: no new report from Stephanie.
  - The possibility of the town setting aside a town-owned lot (Lot 159 tax map 513) as conservation land under ECC stewardship was discussed. Harry agreed to inspect the lot to determine its potential for conservation rather than having the town auction it off.
7. Education and Outreach:
    - Emelyn presented a check for \$250 to Susan Landers, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at the Elementary School. This is ECC's annual contribution for the Environmental Camp for the third graders to attend the environmental camp at Ferry Beach near Saco, Maine.
  8. Other Business and Special Reports:
    - Discussion as to what should be included in ECC's portion of the town's website was tabled to the next meeting.
    - TAFW: Progress on writing the Wildlife Chapter for the Master Plan was discussed. Emelyn, Virginia, and Jack presented updates on their activities. Harry is working on his. Further updates are expected at the next work session.
  9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

*The next ECC work session will be held June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Town Offices at 6:30 pm.*

*The next regular July meeting was moved to July 9<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflicts with the July 4<sup>th</sup> week.  
The July work session was moved to July 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Williams

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