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## Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes August 6, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public
2. **Organizational Issues:**
  - The minutes of the July 9 meeting and July 23 work session were approved.
  - Financial Report: the latest statement balance for the Conservation Fund was \$13,176.29 on the May 5 bank statement.
  - Communications, interactions with other organizations and town boards: none.
  - A farewell gathering for departing Effingham Police Chief Joe Collins was scheduled for Tuesday, August 7.
3. **Water Issues:**
  - Variable milfoil in Ossipee River: On August 2, Emelyn and Jack posted a sign at the boat ramp at routes 25 and 153, warning boaters of the presence of variable milfoil in the nearby waters of the Ossipee River. They viewed the site and observed large areas of milfoil in shallow water upstream and down and even in the structure of the ramp itself. Emelyn will consult with Cliff Cabral regarding what methods can be used in these circumstances, with large patches of weed and flowing water due to the river current. Commission members voted to formally approach Cliff to assess the problem and give an estimate on the cost of treatment.
  - Grace Barter shoreline stabilization: nothing new
  - Snow Road Bridge fishing designation: nothing new.
4. **Open Space Issues:**
  - LLP – Emelyn suggested ECC schedule a day in the early fall to complete clean up and trail preparation in LLP. Jack will design, at commission request, a sign for the Preserve to be placed in a good location visible to travelers on Route 153.
  - Map 410 Lot 60 Hobbs Road: Stephanie Barnes has acted as a liaison between ECC and SPNHF. She has requested that Harry and Jeff Libby do what they can to facilitate purchase of the parcel by SPNHF after the logging is completed.
  - Intent to cut, Map 406 Lot 73: Due to concerns regarding possible impact on the Phillips Brook wetland complex, Harry will check out the proposed logging on the cited lot and report on his findings at the next ECC work session.
5. **Education and Outreach:**
  - Regarding trash grabbers at the library, ECC has established that they present no liability to the library if the library staff is kind enough to have them there for volunteers to borrow. In other news, ECC considering changing the name of KELF to Trash Grabbers because it is more simply descriptive.
6. **Other Business and Special Reports:**
  - Taking Action for Wildlife Community Assistance Program: ECC will submit copy to TAFW after the final chapter is approved by MPAC.

- MPAC: Susan Yakutis is still working on final edits of ECC's submission to PB for Master Plan update. Emelyn and Harry will pursue separate inquiries to see if PB has a firm deadline for Master Plan copy.
- Mail: ECC received a copy of a PBN for culvert work on Route 153 being conducted by NHDOT.

**7. New Business:**

- Harry Libby asked for permission to cut on a lot adjacent to ECC property off Town House Road in the vicinity of the tornado path from 2005. The motion to allow this passed unanimously.

The next work session will be held Monday, August 20 at the Effingham Municipal Offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, September 10 at the Effingham Municipal Offices, School Street, 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: Steph Barnes (*alt.*); Al Levesque (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)
9. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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