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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, September 10, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.
2. Organizational Issues:
 - The minutes of the August 2 meeting and August 16 work session were approved.
 - No financial report was presented
3. Water Issues:
 - Variable milfoil – Emelyn and Jack viewed the areas of milfoil adjacent to the boat ramp on Route 153. They reported thick growth above and below the Route 25 bridge. They also reported renewed growth at the site ECC has been monitoring across from the Freedom condos. On Tuesday, September 11, NH Rivers Group scheduled a canoe trip to survey a more extensive area either direction from the boat ramp.
 - Grace Barter shoreline stabilization project: Jack reported no action is likely before next spring.
3. Open Space Issues:
 - LLP: Jack showed a new design for the sign he will make. This one includes a graphic of a bird. It will be placed parallel to the road so the design only needs to be on one side.
 - LLP (more): ECC will hold a clean-up day on the trail and road frontage at LLP on Tuesday, September 18 at 9 a.m. Dave will provide a wheelchair so the work party can test the trails for suitability.
 - Intents to cut – none
 - Request for picnic table on Green Mountain: Kamal Nath had suggested the ECC fund the placement of a picnic table for hikers at the summit of Green Mountain. Commission members agreed that the table should have some acknowledgment of ECC routed into the table if the commission is funding it and Jack Williams is building it.
 - Puncheon in Watts preserve: Stephanie Barnes has offered to pay for materials for a puncheon walkway in the Watts Preserve over a perennial wet area the trail crosses. Harry will look into durable materials like railroad ties for supports.
 - GMCG requests letter of support for Water Quality Monitoring program to go with a grant proposal. Letter is needed no later than September 20.
 - BMPs: Town forester Jeff Libby has sent the latest state standards for logging projects so ECC can be apprised of them when observing timber harvests.
 - ECC voted to accept Map 106, Lot 15 from the town into their conservation lands.
4. Education and Outreach:
 - ECC website – website is up and running on the Town of Effingham site. Nothing new to report.
 - ECC will provide trash grabbers and a sign out sheet for them to the town library. Volunteer may sign them out to collect litter on their own schedule.
5. Other Business and Special Reports:
 - Gwen provided ECC with a set of town tax maps. Emelyn will convey the commission's thanks.

- Master Plan, TAFW – Nothing has been heard from TAFW regarding ECC documents submitted last month. Mike Cauble of MPAC requested ECC goals be put into the matrix format followed by other sections of the master plan. Tim did this and forwarded the material to Emelyn. Emelyn will convey ECC plan and goals to Mike Cauble.
- 6. The next ECC work session will be held Monday, September 17 at the Municipal Building, School Street, at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 1 at the Municipal Building, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.
- 7. Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Harry Libby; Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair*); Virginia Wrabel; Absent: Dave Goulet (*Secretary*); Steph Barnes (*alt.*); Al Levesque (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)
- 8. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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