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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 7, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.
2. Organizational Issues:
 - The minutes of the December 3 meeting were approved. There was no work session for December.
 - Financial Report: The Conservation Fund Balance is \$13,179.45 as of the December 5 bank statement.
 - Communications, interactions with other organizations and town boards: GMCG will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, January 19 at Lakeview Neuro Rehabilitation. Before the meeting a tracking workshop will be led by Susan Morse. Call GMCG at 539-1859 for more information.
 - Budget: \$50 was shifted from Land Improvements to GMCG water quality monitoring to increase Effingham's contribution at no net increase to the total budget.
3. Water Issues: No new activity.
4. Open Space Issues:
 - LLP – Emelyn is working on the painting of a common yellowthroat to be attached to the sign at the preserve. Harry will trim a fir tree to improve visibility of the sign.
 - Intents to cut – none.
 - Green Mountain picnic table: The budget committee approved the line item to fund the picnic table at the summit if Green Mountain for the use of hikers to the fire tower.
 - The transfer of town lots to the ECC has been included on the warrant for town meeting. Voters will decide whether to formalize the transfer of Map 106, Lot 15 and Map 413, Lot 159 to conservation commission stewardship.
5. Education and Outreach:
 - Emelyn attended the December 12 meeting of the Ossipee Conservation Commission to discuss the OCC idea for a multi-town educational fair highlighting conservation and environmental issues in the Ossipee Watershed.
 - Town website: Barbara Thompson is the contact person for posting items on the town website. Tim has added her to the list to receive ECC minutes after each meeting.
 - Master Plan: Emelyn submitted ECC's portion, formerly known as Chapter 7, for Planning Board review. Part of the final organization apparently will include renumbering the chapters.
 - LLP Grand Opening: Dave mentioned the idea that ECC would hold a picnic to officially introduce the LLP to the public. This might be combined with the spring roadside cleanup picnic for volunteers.
 - Annual Report: Virginia submitted a draft of ECC's annual summary for the town report. Members reviewed and edited it for Emelyn to submit.

- Harry reminded the commission that ECC was going to receive a report from Province Lake Association regarding the Lake Host partially funded by an ECC contribution of \$1,000. Emelyn will follow up with PLA.
 - Mark Hensel: Commission members discussed nebulous ideas for a public information meeting at which Fish and Game officer Mark Hensel could answer questions regarding operations of his department in the Effingham area.
6. The next work session will be held Monday, January 21, at the Municipal Offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 4 at the Municipal Offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.
 7. Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Dave Goulet (*Secretary*); Harry Libby; Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair*); Al Levesque (*alt.*); Absent: Virginia Wrabel; Steph Barnes (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)
 8. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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