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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, February 4, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public...*at first!*
2. Organizational Issues:
 - The minutes of the January 7 meeting were read and approved. There was no work session on January 14 due to lack of a quorum.
 - Communications, Interactions with other town boards: with no preparatory communication, ECC was suddenly interacting with the Planning Board, which had scheduled a public hearing on top of the ECC meeting and needed to use the meeting room. Due to a frozen lock, ECC and other key holders were unable to open the modular to move the ECC meeting to an alternate location. The commission accelerated its meeting to hit the high points of the agenda and finish early. Items skipped will be taken up at the work session.
3. Water Issues:
 - Province Lake Association responded to ECC's request for a summary of Lake Host activities partly funded with a grant of town funds through ECC. Mary McLoughlin sent an email reporting on operations and results of the PLA Lake Host, which was read to the meeting.
 - Jim McElroy of OLA is putting together a spreadsheet showing the expenditures of the three towns with Ossipee Lake frontage to combat milfoil in 2012.
4. Open Space Issues:
 - LLP Bird Watch Trail – Emelyn has started painting the bird to be placed on the LLP roadside sign.
 - Green Mountain picnic table: Jack has been trying to contact Phil Magor at Lakeview Neuro Rehab to see if he wants to build the table as a wood shop project. If not, ECC will have R&R Woodworking of Jackson build it.
 - LLP picnic table: ECC voted to spend no more than \$275 to have Jack build a handicapped-accessible picnic table of his design for the LLP.
 - Intents to cut: nothing of concern.
5. Education and Outreach: ECC approved a draft of a statement about the commission, requested by Barbara Thompson, for the Effingham town website.
6. Other Business and Special Reports: Jack talked to Mark Hensel of Fish and Game about giving a public presentation to the public regarding his agency's activities in and around Effingham. Marilyn Swan is looking into whether there would be any problems holding it at the town library.
7. The next work session will be held Monday, February 18 at the municipal offices at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 4, at the municipal offices at 6:30 p.m.

8. 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.*)
9. The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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