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Effingham Conservation Commission Work Session minutes, May 20, 2013

1. The work session was called to order at 6:41 p.m.
2. Emelyn and Jack reported that they presented the prizes to the Effingham Elementary School winners of the Earth Day Poster Contest.
3. Stephanie Barnes has requested information on materials for the puncheon walkway project in the Watts Wildlife Sanctuary. Jack and Harry presented the merits of different wood varieties for the two different components of the walkway, supports and decking. Stephanie had said she could look into purchasing white cedar logs from Vermont.
4. On May 18, Emelyn and Virginia attended the PLA survey of stormwater management related to the overall watershed study. Volunteers filled out report sheets on properties where they suspected problems. Reports will be compared to determine areas in need of work. A survey of septic systems will be conducted in August.
5. Tim reported on the observations he and Al made on their walk down the Pine River on Monday, May 13. They started at the Elm Street bridge and hiked about a mile and a half downstream to look for areas where fallen trees could be cleared to facilitate the passage of canoes and kayaks. ECC will do another walk closer to fall.
6. Bill Wrabel will help with the LRPC household hazardous waste collection day, Saturday, July 27, representing Effingham.
7. Green Mountain picnic table: Jack reported that Skehan's doesn't really supply the tables from R&R Woodworking after all. He will talk to R&R directly. Best case scenario, R&R will deliver the table to Jack so he can mark it for ECC, and Harry can take it to Libby Road Trail for the rangers to transport it to the summit.
8. LLP Cleanup: Volunteers from ECC will clean up winter debris on Monday, June 3 at the Larry Leavitt Preserve at 9 a.m. Harry will come back later to remove any debris piles. The public is welcome.
9. The work session adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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.*)

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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