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Effingham Conservation Commission

Meeting minutes, June 3, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public
2. Organizational Issues:
 - The minutes of the May 6 meeting and May 20 work session were approved.
 - Financial Report: Members discussed the absence of the Treasurer from many meetings. Options were considered for email submission of financial information to be presented at meetings. Nothing was concluded.
 - There were no communications or interactions with other town boards or organizations.
3. Water Issues:
 - Pine River cleanup: Harry wants to confirm in writing from DES that ECC (or anyone else) is actually allowed to do any clearing of deadfall from the river. He cautioned that even removing part of some downed trees could cause a visible effect on the bank, which could put the commission in accidental violation of shoreland protection regulations. ECC will pursue the inquiry with DES. The next walk will be scheduled in September.
 - Grace Barter shoreline stabilization project: there was a lengthy discussion of what has already been tried unsuccessfully to stabilize the ice-ravaged lakefront of the Barter property, and the physical power of moving lake ice.
 - PLA: Emelyn and Virginia discussed in general some of what they saw on the Province Lake shoreline as part of their interactions with the watershed study steering committee.
4. Open Space Issues:
 - ECC volunteers will clean up winter debris from the LLP on Monday, June 10 at 9 a.m. Harry will collect piled debris later.
 - LLP: Gloria Carter put in some very attractive plantings around the base of the LLP sign, making it look even more spectacular than it already did as a result of Jack's craftsmanship and Emelyn's artistry.
 - Green Mountain picnic table: Picnic table was due to be delivered to Jack on Tuesday, June 4. He will then rout "Effingham Conservation Commission" in the top and prepare it for the rangers to take to the summit. R&R Woodworking gave a ten percent discount on the table, bringing the price down to \$337 from the originally quoted price of \$375.
 - Intents to Cut – None of note.
 - Watts Preserve puncheon walkway: Stephanie Barnes reported that she has a source for red cedar 2"x 4" planks and 6"x 6" blocks. Jack and Harry do not advise using smaller planks like that. Members discussed obtaining white cedar and considered whether to approach Middleton Building Supply or Skehan's about ordering the sizes required.
5. Mail:
 - UNH Extension habitat brochures: All are the same. A new one has been added for cottontail rabbits.
 - DES sent copies of correspondence regarding approval of a new septic system on English Road, approval to cut timber on tax map 409, Lot 19; and approval of a project to improve trout habitat on Flanders Brook.

There will be no work session for June. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 1 at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

6. Attendance -- 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.*)
7. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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