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## Effingham Conservation Commission

### Meeting minutes, July 1, 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 June 3 meeting were read and approved.
  - Financial Report: Emelyn reported that she sent scans of the last three bank statements to Dave. The June 5 balance was \$13,710.39. There were no withdrawals in May or June.
  - There were no communications or interactions with other town boards or organizations.
3. Water Issues:
  - No action on Pine River clearance, Grace Barter shoreline stabilization project or the PLA watershed study this month.
4. Open Space Issues:
  - LLP cleanup: Jack, Emelyn and Tim did some trimming and a lot of debris removal from the LLP trails on June 9. Harry performed the noble service of carting all that stuff away with his truck afterward.
  - Green Mountain Picnic Table: Jack reported he had completed his portion of the project, routing the inscription and finishing the table top to protect it from the elements. He had contacted the rangers to transport the table to the summit, but as of the meeting date had not heard back from them.
  - Watts Preserve puncheon walkway: Jack presented a very neat design using pre-formed concrete footings and pressure-treated timbers to support the walkway planking. Members discussed a few refinements. He will continue researching the design and the logistics of actual installation during a dry period (if we ever get one).
  - Open Space/Education and outreach crossover: Emelyn opened discussion of an update to the ECC brochure. Members discussed intent and content for a new brochure. Emelyn will also look into getting some of the state's wildlife habitat brochures to put at the LLP kiosk, describing the habitats one might observe in the LLP area. Sje will also place a guest book for visitors to sign.
5. Education and Outreach:
  - ECC website: Barbara Thompson is still uploading content to the ECC portion of the town website. Jack suggested things like the wetland study and wildlife habitat information.
  - Bats: Emelyn gave a quick synopsis of Wendy Scribner's presentation of Kamal Nath's bat survey data. She described it as very informative. Effingham apparently hosts six varieties of bat. The Little Brown Bat lives 20 to 25 years. Who woulda thunk it?
6. Other Business and special reports:
  - Susan Slack informed Emelyn that a lot may become available for addition to town conservation lands. Map 201, Lot 12 is on Route 25. It is a 5-acre parcel with 950 feet of road frontage, but as of the meeting no one had looked into how much is buildable. It is at least near some obvious wetlands, though the wetland percentage of the lot itself has not been determined.

- Ossipee River Milfoil Survey: Emelyn suggested Tim White and Laurie Meeder might examine the river upstream from the boat launch on Route 153, and that shoreline property owners like Lyle Thurston might be able to give reports or provide access for volunteers to look for invasive milfoil growth in areas that have not been checked recently, if at all.
- Master Plan: no action yet from Planning Board.
- Workshops: ECC received notice of a Coverts workshop to be held September 18-21.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 5, at the municipal offices at 6:30 p.m. There will be no work session for July.

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.*)

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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