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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, October 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes for the September 9 meeting were presented and approved. There was no September work session due to lack of a quorum.
- Financial Report – Claudia and Jack ironed out the rough patches in the previous financial report. Jack presented the revised statement. Casting begins for the traveling show.

Water Issues:

- No update on the expedition down the Pine River to determine what – if anything – can be done to enhance navigability. The Pine River preserves its mysteries for now.

Open Space Issues:

- LLP – All projects completed for 2013.
- Intents to Cut – Nothing to report.
- Watts Preserve walkway – Still too wet to begin. Project held over to next year.
- Green Mountain picnic table – The table will forever be known as the Green Mountain Picnic Table, even though it will never rest on that lofty summit. ECC has received permission from Fish and Game to place it at the Route 153 boat launch. Members discussed site options. The table is at Jack's until the site can be prepared.

Education and Outreach:

- ECC Brochure -- members are requested to think about points to include to encourage new members and explain ECC's function and activities.
- ECC Website – No changes since last meeting. Volunteers needed to meet with Teresa Swanick. Meeting time still listed incorrectly on site.

Other business and Special Reports:

- The new membership roster was issued with current contact information.
- Budget – BOS wanted the \$1,000.00 contribution to the PLA Lake Host program added into ECC's budget. This is supposed to make town accounting easier. Emelyn will meet with Claudia to present the proposed 2014 budget for ECC.
- Milfoil – On September 18 Emelyn kayaked on Ossipee River with Jim McElroy and Laurie Callahan between the Route 25 and Route 153 bridges. They found several small areas of milfoil and saw a phenomenal number of painted turtles. Laurie provided GPS points for the milfoil sites which Jack placed on a Google Earth map. Emelyn contacted Cliff Cabral of New England Milfoil. He said he's tentatively scheduled Effingham for the third week of October. ECC has not heard back yet from DES regarding permits that might be required to

try a benthic barrier. Meanwhile, Bill Klotz has given permission for the hand-harvested milfoil to be dumped at Farm by the River for composting.

- Workshops – NHACC meets Saturday, November 2 at Rundlett Middle School, Concord.

There will be no work session for October. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 4, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Harry Libby; Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair/Treasurer*); Virginia Wrabel; Absent: Al Levesque; Steph Barnes (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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