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## Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, March 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

### Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the February 3 meeting were presented and approved.
- Financial Report: Emelyn reported on a delay in payment of the invoice to New England Milfoil, but no serious issues with commission funds

### Water Issues:

- Virginia reported on her research regarding removal of downed trees from Pine River pursuant to Al Levesque's suggestion from last year. She worked her way through the telephone labyrinth at DES to reach Linda Magoon. Linda stated that cutting would require permission of landowners and compliance with shoreland protection regulations. She suggested ECC look at shoreland protection information on line to determine the latest requirements.

### Open Space Issues:

- Bird Watch Walk at LLP: Kamal Nath will be leading a bird watch walk on Sunday, April 13 at the Larry Leavitt Preserve. Kamal suggested ECC might want to do a spring cleanup at LLP before then if conditions permit.
- Boat Ramp Picnic Table: Emelyn requested that Jack begin working on plans for the protective roof for the wandering picnic table now residing at the Route 153 boat ramp.

### Education and Outreach:

- Emelyn presented a mock-up with suggested copy for the ECC brochure. Members each received a copy to use as the basis of their suggestions for completion. She also showed a brochure of Frequently Asked Questions that could be distributed to further explain what conservation is and how it helps the town.
- Virginia offered to include a segment on ECC and conservation in the newsletter she mails out monthly to every street address in town. As she described the program it seemed like a possible channel for ECC to explore independently as well.
- Earth Day Poster Contest: Members chose the design for the promotional flyer to be sent to the school to solicit posters for the annual contest.
- ECC website: Jack reported on his communications with Theresa Swanick regarding the improvement of ECC content on the town website. Members discussed Jack's outline of the proposed format. No one knows what will happen to all this if after March 11 the BOS reverts to a Luddite sausage fest.

### Other Business and Special Reports:

- Members discussed the upcoming Town Meeting. Yep.

- Emelyn mentioned the upcoming Saving Special Places conference April 5 in Laconia.

No work session was scheduled.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 7, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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