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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, April 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the March 3 meeting were presented and approved.
- The financial report reflected no changes. A bank statement has been received reporting 34 cents interest earned, but it predates the Town Meeting, so does not show the input of 2014 funds approved at that time.
- Communications, interactions with town boards and other organizations – Emelyn will attend a BOS meeting to introduce herself to newly-elected selectman Lawrence Edwards and update the board on ECC activities.

Water Issues:

- No action on ongoing issues at Grace Barter's on Province Lake and Al's feasibility study on removal of deadfall from Pine River.

Open Space Issues:

- LLP – Kamal Nath will lead a bird watch walk on Sunday, April 13. Emelyn and Jack will meet at LLP on Friday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m. to do a bit of tidying up.
- Watts Preserve walkway project is on long-term hold due to anticipated high water through the spring.
- Route 153 Boat Launch picnic table – Jack is working on plans for the protective roof. At this point it is mostly a matter of deciding how elaborate to make the footings.

Education and Outreach:

- Roadside trash cleanup – Emelyn will contact Dave Goulet to see if he can place the signs a week prior to the event. Other plans are on track. Emelyn will be at the town offices from 8 a.m. to give out road assignments to anyone who does not already have a habitual stretch they clean anyway. The transfer station will be notified. A volunteer or volunteers are needed to collect bags from the roadside after they are filled.
- Roadside trash cleanup cookout -- Bill Wrabel has agreed to be the grillmaster again. Volunteers are needed to bring salads and desserts. Perhaps Kamal could include this in his KELF reminder email.
- Thanks to Virginia Wrabel for including a bit about the roadside cleanup in her monthly newsletter.
- ECC Brochure – Members reviewed copy and suggested only minor adjustments. There was some discussion of graphics, but nothing conclusive.
- Earth Day Poster Contest – Theme and promotional flyer were delivered to school principal Kelly Colby-Seavey at the elementary school. Emelyn will pick up the posters on April 25.

- ECC website – Status of ECC’s and the town’s website is unclear following the departure of Theresa Swanick from the BOS. No one knows if anyone will undertake maintenance and improvement of the town site or if it will simply be abandoned as another Internet derelict until the hosting contract runs out.

Other Business and Special Reports: None

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 5, 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*). Absent: Al Levesque; Virginia Wrabel; Steph Barnes (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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