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## Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, June 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Bill Wrabel attended as a prospective alternate member.

### Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the May 19 meeting were approved
- Jack delivered the financial report. \$3,111.00 remains of budgeted funds.
- Members voted to accept Bill Wrabel as an alternate member.

### Water Issues:

- Pine River clearance project is on indefinite hold..

### Open Space Issues:

- LLP – ECC will send a letter of thanks to Gloria, who has been doing landscape planting around the LLP sign.
- Watts Preserve walkway: Jack reported on further scouting of the trail where the elevated walkway needs replacement. He suggests rerouting the trail completely to avoid most of the wet area, reducing the need for as long an elevated section. If not, the best support would be provided by a couple of yards of gravel which would then have to be distributed by hand.
- Boat Ramp Picnic Table: Jack and Al are planning the first phase of construction, preparing footings for the support posts. Jack, Al and Bill Wrabel scheduled post hole digging for Monday, June 9.

### Education and Outreach:

- Arc Mat4e Orang-U-Tongs litter grabbers will be ordered soon.
- ECC brochure: Printing will be ordered soon.
- ECC website: Members scheduled more detailed discussion of site content for next month.
- Events: Jack and Emelyn presented book prizes to the winners of the Earth Day Poster Contest at Effingham Elementary School on May 27.
- ECC chair has requested release of the check for the third grade environmental camp.

### Other Business and Special Reports:

- Emelyn reported on the purpose of purple boxes seen hanging from some roadside trees around town. They are Emerald Ash Borer traps. Harry provided some information on the spread of the pest in New Hampshire.
- Emelyn met with Wendy Scribner of UNH Extension regarding yellowing of some hemlock trees in town for reasons as yet undetermined.
- The town attorney, Matt Serge will answer questions from town officials at a session on Thursday, June 12 at the town offices at 6:30 p.m.
- Acton Wakefield Watershed Association is holding an invasive plant workshop on Saturday, June 14 in Acton, Maine, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

- Mail: Received a glossy magazine on “The History and Economics of the New Hampshire Dairy Industry.” Oooooo-kay.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 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; Bill Wrabel (*alt.*) Absent: Steph Barnes (*alt.*); Steve Zalewski (*alt.*)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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