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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, September 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. here were no guests or members of the public

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the August 4 meeting were approved
- Financial Report: After scheduled expenditures to date, \$84.31 remaining in 2014 budget.

Water Issues: Nothing new

Open Space Issues:

- Watts Preserve walkway: Phil Brown of NH Audubon finally responded to communication regarding proposed route change to bypass wet area, eliminating the need for extensive walkway reconstruction now and in the future. Brown had expressed reluctance to change the route, but has now agreed to consider the idea. He said he would make a trip to visit the site “soon.” So that’s something. Meanwhile, Stephanie Barnes, who long ago agreed to fund the project, has gone traveling and is unavailable for comment.

Education and Outreach:

- ECC website: Jack and Emelyn met with Theresa Swanick last month and will do so again soon. Theresa received Jack’s preliminary format and content materials. Jack and Emelyn will meet with her again soon to proceed further with detailed implementation.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- 2015 Budget: Members discussed amounts and categories for the 2015 budget request. Requests are due for submission on Tuesday, October 7.
- Milfoil control: Cliff Cabral of New England Milfoil has already cleaned up the usual spot in Ossipee Lake, the area around the Route 153 boat ramp and some other spots in Ossipee River. Milfoil yield was 80 gallons. Jim McElroy of Freedom suggested Freedom and Effingham split the bill, since Cliff was working on areas for Freedom at the same time. Effingham’s share of the bill was \$395. This has been submitted to the town for payment.
- PLA: There was some confusion about whether the town’s check to the PLA for the Lake Host Program had been issued. Apparently, an internal communication breakdown in PLA kept some people from being informed in a timely fashion. This has been rectified.
- ECC issued Harry Libby written permission to cross a conservation lot to access a timber harvesting site.
- Kamal Nath scheduled a talk on the “Big Three” invasive insect species – the emerald ash borer, the woolly adelgid and the Asian longhorned beetle – for Thursday, Sept 11 at the Effingham Library.
- GMCG has requested a submission from ECC for the conservation commissions section of their newsletter. Tim will write a press release and send it.

- ECC received notice that nominations are open for the Effingham Employee of the Year award. The chair nominated one person. Nominations close Sept. 9.

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

Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Dave Goulet (*Prodigal Member*); Harry Libby; Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair/Treasurer*); Bill Wrabel (*alt.*). Absent: Al Levesque; Virginia Wrabel.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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