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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, November 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the October 6 meeting were read and approved.
- Financial Report – ECC account balance still \$84.31 remaining from a budgeted amount of \$3,500.00.
- Communications, interactions with other town boards – Tim briefly mentioned that the ZBA has received initial communications regarding issues at Province Shore Campground. None of them seem to have direct significance to ECC, since shoreland protection issues are covered under state statutes and the Province Lake District section of the Effingham Zoning Ordinance.

Water Issues: None

Land Issues – LLP/Boat Ramp:

- Chair asked for any more suggestions for land projects to pursue in 2015. Resounding silence ensued.
- Intents to cut – Chair checked with Gwen and found nothing of concern. Suggested someone might check every couple of months since our previous Intent to Cut checker has lost interest.
- Watts Preserve – Jack reported that the path has been rerouted to avoid the wet area and the necessity to replace the walkway over the wetland. Some signage has been placed to direct visitors along the new route to its junction with the exiting trail. More can be added as required.

Education and Outreach: None

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Chair awaits a response from Claudia or the Budget Committee regarding the 2015 ECC budget request.
- PLA – Emelyn and Jack met with Claudia regarding funding for pollution mitigation efforts in the Province Lake watershed. All agreed that a Capital Reserve Fund would provide the most stable funding. If BOS approves it will be added to the town's articles on the Town Meeting warrant. If not it will have to be presented as a petitioned article, so signatures will have to be collected. We wait to hear from the BOS.
- ECC website – nothing new.
- GMCG will host a presentation on how to guide growth and protect natural resources on Thursday, November 6 at Runnels Hall, Chocorua, from 6 to 8 p.m. Steve Whitman will present the program.

- Nicholas Coates, director of NHACC, will attend the December meeting of ECC, Monday, December 1, at the Municipal Offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 4. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Effingham Elementary School. VOTE!

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 1, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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