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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, February 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. With the meeting in the modular, Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Boyden was sort of a guest. She did contribute to some of the discussions. And Maureen Spencer flitted through. So it was livelier than usual.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the January 5 meeting were approved.
- Cake by Sis Levesque was presented and approved.
- Financial Report: \$242.00 was paid out to NHACC for annual membership. Carry-over from last year's budget is \$84.31.
- Town Meeting begins with voting on Tuesday, March 10. The deliberative session will be held Saturday, March 14.

Water Issues: Everything's frozen.

Land Issues – LLP/Boat Ramp:

- Members are still considering some ideas for land projects for 2015.
- Intent S to cut: Nothing of concern.

Education and Outreach:

- Members discussed themes for the Earth Day Poster Contest at Effingham School. I had notes on the discussion, but I appear to have chucked them in the wood stove at some point. Either that or the cats ate them. Anyway, some people had some ideas. And they were good ideas. Yeah!

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Tim and Emelyn attended a public hearing on January 19. The planning board offered some proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance for public comment. ECC's interest centered on proposed changes to the 10% lot coverage rule for lots of one acre or less. The new wording seeks to address the highly restrictive nature of the rule and the lack of clarity in its basis. As a result of comments, the planning board changed the language again and set a new hearing date for February 2. At that hearing the change to the 10% rule was withdrawn for this year because the new wording still failed to create a clear and strong basis.
- Emelyn and Tim attended a meeting on January 20 to address easier guidelines and procedures for citizens pursuing permits from various town boards. Now that I think of it, why was nothing included on the flow chart for obtaining a dump sticker? Emelyn put together a quick guide to various state wetland permits, which are about all that ECC deals with even marginally. She also provided a digest of zoning ordinance sections that pertain to conservation. These are good things.
- There was a little more discussion of water extraction ordinances.

- ECC website: Functioning well! Emelyn contacted Theresa in time to get the date changed on February's ECC meeting after the snowstorm on Monday, February 2, caused postponement.
- Virginia will write the ECC annual report for the Town Annual Report. Thank you, Virginia!
- ECC will order \$50 worth of seedlings from the NH State Forest Nursery. Members selected the Wetland Package and the Winter Survival Package.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 2, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Dave Goulet (*Prodigal Member*); Al Levesque (*Angler in Chief*); Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair/Treasurer*); Virginia Wrabel (*Versatile and functional*); Bill Wrabel (*Darn Good alt.*)
Absent: Harry Libby (*Woodsman*)

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. I know that's not long, but we're that good.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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