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## Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, June 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

### Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the April 6 meeting were approved. Due to lack of a quorum, there was no meeting in May.
- Jack presented the latest financial report. Funds were expended for tree seedlings, Earth Day poster contest prizes, reimbursements to Emelyn and Virginia for roadside cleanup luncheon materials, and the ECC contribution to the Effingham third grade participation in the Ferry Beach Environmental Camp in Maine.

ECC Goals: Members discussed possibilities for a trail on the ECC lots at the end of Lake Shore Drive on Province Lake. Concerns include parking and wetlands impact.

Water Issues: None

### Land Issues – LLP/Boat Ramp:

- Jack and Emelyn cleaned up a lot of winter debris at LLP. Emelyn officially thanked Harry Libby for removing the debris by truck.
- Jack and Emelyn were joined by Kamal Nath to plant 45 tree seedlings at the Route 153 boat ramp, and five seedlings at the LLP. ECC also purchased 10 (and received 13) Ninebark seedlings, which Emelyn temporarily placed in her garden to await future planting.

### Education and Outreach:

- In spite of the lack of a quorum on May 4, Jack, Emelyn and Tim judged the entries in the Earth Day poster contest so that prizes could be awarded on schedule.
- Jack awarded the prizes for the Earth Day poster contest and presented the funds to the school for participation in the Ferry Beach Environmental Camp.

### Other Business and Special Reports:

- Roadside trash cleanup on Saturday, April 25, netted 205 bags of trash, eclipsing the old record of 138. This included 12 bags the Effingham Masons had collected on Route 153. Thirty-four volunteers took part.
- Sis Levesque contacted Anheuser Busch to see if they offer any financial or material support to local litter clean-up programs, considering how much of the debris consists of cans from their products. Email from Anheuser Busch indicates that some support may be possible. ECC will follow up

- Green Mountain Fire Tower: Following up on concerns that Green Mountain Fire Tower was deteriorating rapidly since its closure, ECC has been informed that the Department of Forest and Lands has set aside \$200,000.00 on tower restoration or reconstruction. The state appears to be refurbishing three towers, including the one in Effingham.
- UNH Extension hosted a Wildlife Action Plan public input session on Wednesday, May 12, at the AMC facility in Crawford Notch. Emelyn, Jack and Kamal attended. The WAP will be updated in the fall.
- ECC website: Emelyn added a note of thanks to roadside cleanup volunteers, including special thanks to those with pickup trucks, who transported a lot of the collected trash. Also posted on the site were the names of the Earth Day poster contest winners.
- Tim will write up ECC news for the GMCG summer newsletter, now approaching its deadline.
- ECC chair signed off on a PBN application by a landowner for beach replenishment on Ossipee River.
- Mail: SPNHF sent a fascinating old deed that Tom Howe had found in the Society files. Dating from 1922, it deeded the rights to trees along a stretch of road not yet fully identified, for the benefits of shade and beautification. The deed will be given to the care of the Historical Society, where someone may be able to shed more light on the details of this forgotten agreement.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 6, 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. Absent: Dave Goulet (*alt*); Bill Wrabel (*alt*.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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