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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, October 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Tom Thompson from Simon Hill Road was a guest. He described some road work that had been done on Molly Philbrick Road that had caused incursion into private property and wetlands. Emelyn and Jack had examined the area. The BOS also sent inspectors and set in motion some mitigation measures to stabilize the area until spring.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the September 7 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: \$1,244.54 remained of the 2015 budget. \$10,890.02 was in the Aquatic Plant Fund.

Water Issues:

- New England Milfoil was working on the large area of milfoil in the cove on Berry Bay. Roberta McCarthy had organized volunteers to collect stray fragments of milfoil. Freedom Condos said they would accept the whole harvest in their compost pile..
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Land Issues:

- Conservation property signage: Jack reported on sourcing issues. He had not heard back from sign companies he had contacted for prices. Virginia and Al suggested further avenues to pursue.
- Speaking of conservation property: Emelyn, Jack, Al and Tim went to the BOS meeting on September 22 to ask permission to proceed with the purchase of an appropriate lot on Pine River Road. This included permission to contact town attorney Matt Serge for specific legal guidance. Permission was granted. Al said he would handle communications with the listing agent. Members discussed necessary step to secure grant funding and complete the purchase.
- Boat ramp trees: Most of the seedlings appear to have been mowed when the town's contractor went over the grassy area for periodic maintenance. The trees had been staked, but the stakes had gotten knocked down somewhere along the line. We will look for survivors in the spring.

Education and Outreach:

- NHACC Conference on Saturday, November 7 at Pembroke Academy.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- 2016 Budget: Members put together a budget request to submit for approval by the Budget Committee.

- There will be no meeting of ECC in November, due to lack of a quorum. Chair and Vice Chair have left the country.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 7, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m. Don't be surprised.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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