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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, January 4, 2016

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 December 7 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: ECC ended the year with \$1,244.00 remaining in the budget. As per statute, this carries over into the conservation fund. ECC fund balance stands at \$15,500.00. The budget request for 2016 is \$3,730.00, pending approval at Town Meeting.
- Communications, interactions with other town boards – Chair summarized the meetings with the BOS regarding purchase of Map 413, Lot 160 on Pine River Road on behalf of the town, for conservation and recreation. Tim reported on a case just decided by the ZBA regarding campground structures in the Province Lake District.

Water Issues: none

Land Issues:

- Map 413, Lot 160 acquisition: GMCG has stated that ECC needs to find a fiscal agent to do the actual processing of donations that would be received through GMCG's 501(c)(3) status. This individual would be responsible for receiving checks, depositing them in an account set up for the purpose, recording them, and writing thank you notes to the contributors. Duties would also include monitoring activity on a GoFundMe page or similar crowd funding option, should one be set up.
- Members also discussed information the grant writer has requested to help promote the project to potential grants.

Education and Outreach:

- HN Fish and Game will hold two workshops on the Wildlife Action Plan. One is on Thursday, Jan. 14 in Concord from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The second is on Wednesday, Feb. 17 in Portsmouth, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Emelyn and Jack expressed interest and asked other members to consider it.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Kamal Nath has asked to rejoin the commission as an alternate, because he is a representative on the board of NHACC. ECC approves. And have they got a job for him...fiscal agent for fundraising to purchase the lot on Pine River Road.
- The ECC 2016 budget was accepted by the Budget Committee on Nov. 24. It will need to be approved at the public hearing in February before going on the Town Meeting Warrant.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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