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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, June 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Steven Wright of 154 Remick Road and Tom Thompson attended as guests.

Steven Wright made a preliminary presentation regarding his application to install a perched beach at his property on Remick Road. All construction on the lot is new. The sand area would be located above the shoreline, behind a berm that the natural forces of winter ice movement have raised between the lake and the main area of the lot. ECC members will visit the site next Monday, June 13, at 10 a.m. to view conditions relative to the planned development.

Tom Thompson reported on various issues regarding his new position on the Lakes Region Planning Commission and as an observer of town boards. He asked for any information the ECC might be able to share regarding the plans for the Stevens Road bridge reconstruction.

Kamal pointed out that ECC had reviewed the file on the project provided by the town, and that no report of the result had appeared in the following month's minutes. This was because the commission had determined that no action was called for from them and had neglected to record this non-action in the minutes. Tim did review the file and research regulations and statutes cited by the engineers in support of the bridge format proposed. The format did conform to standards in place at the state level.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the May 2 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: Another payment to Ben Daviss, for \$260, was requested. Chair also reported that the \$1,000.00 contribution to the PLA lake host program and the \$700.00 share of GMCG water quality monitoring costs would be requested this month.

Water Issues:

- Chair is investigating whether DES and Ossipee are expecting financial participation from Effingham in a grant for which Effingham never applied, to treat areas of milfoil in Ossipee Lake with herbicide. ECC received a letter announcing the herbicide program, which mentioned Effingham and Freedom as abutters. The language was unclear regarding whether treatment proposed for a section of Ossipee Lake within Effingham indicated that anyone was expecting automatic financial participation by the town.
- On May 31, Emelyn, Jack, Virginia and Tim Went to Pete Dinger's house at 141 Bonnyman Road, to view the site of erosion control work for which he has applied for state permits. Commission members also viewed the neighboring property, owned by Chris Pongratz, where a similar project will be done later in the fall. The delegation voted to sign the application for expedited consideration by DES.
- Westward Shores Campground: Pursuant to GMCG's request for area conservation commissions to contact the Ossipee Planning Board regarding the regional impact of the

proposed massive expansion of the Westward Shores Campground, the commission will be submitting a letter at tomorrow night's site plan review hearing in Ossipee. ECC received a copy of the letter the Freedom Conservation Commission is sending as well.

Land Issues – LLP/Boat Ramp:

- Map 413, Lot 160, Pine River Road – Ten grants have been applied for. One foundation has reported that the project is under consideration.

Education and Outreach:

- Camp Marist involvement with milfoil harvesting: Sources indicate that camp management and personnel would have no interest in using the milfoil harvest as a teaching tool for campers or as a project to maintain the environment for the camp itself.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 11, 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*); Kamal Nath (*alt.*); Absent: Virginia Wrabel; Dave Goulet (*alt.*); Bill Wrabel (*alt.*)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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