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## Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, July 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Selectman Lawrence Edwards had mentioned attending, but did not. Henry Spencer arrived about halfway through, to attend the Historical Society meeting following ECC, and sat in until adjournment, as a citizen, not a town official.

### Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the June 6 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: The payment of \$1,000.00 was released to the Province Lake Association for their lake host program. A payment of \$700.00 was released to Green Mountain Conservation Group to support water quality monitoring. This leaves \$220.87 of the 2016 budget.

### Water Issues:

- Chemical treatment of milfoil in Marist Cove, a part of a multi-site intervention, took place on June 22. This was part of a grant that had been obtained by the Town of Ossipee. Effingham's milfoil site had been added without a request from or consultation with any town authorities in Effingham. Kamal has been told by DES that Effingham would not be charged for these unsought services. ECC will monitor further developments in case this is disputed later and money is required for services not requested. ECC plans to seek funds for the 2017 season for planned maintenance of milfoil control.

Chair consulted with Jim McElroy of Freedom about jointly surveying sites in Ossipee River and near the dam, as has been done before. Freedom has contracted with a low-bid contractor, not New England Milfoil, for weed control activities this season.

- On June 13, Jack, Emelyn and Tim visited Steven Wright's property at 154 Remick Road to examine the site for his proposed perched beach. After inspection, Chair signed the application for expedited consideration by DES.
- Westward Shores – Ossipee Planning Board decided not to approve the campground expansion proposed for Westward Shores Camping Resort until an independent review is completed by the engineering firm Jones and Beach. This review is due for the July 19 planning board meeting. Effingham had joined the other abutting towns in pointing out that the Westward Shores project has regional impact and requires deeper scrutiny than the basic town board review processes.
- Chair and Vice Chair attended a PLA breakfast picnic on July 2 at the home of the Davises. Chair reports that the loon pair on Province Lake have failed to produce viable eggs this year, despite two attempts. No cause has been determined. The eggs were sent off for study.

### Land Issues:

- Map 413 Lot 160, Pine River Road – ECC now has submitted 10 grant applications and one letter of inquiry. The Fields Pond Foundation has approved \$5,000.00. An Environmental Trust, Elkin, NH, has also responded that ECC is under consideration for a grant.

Education and Outreach:

- Effingham Preservation Society asked ECC for ideas to include in their bicentennial celebration on Aug. 27. Members discussed ideas. Kamal proposed a display of children's art from the Earth Day Poster Contest, and promotion of the Boat Ramp and LLP properties to raise awareness and interest among town residents regarding the resources they can enjoy. Henry said he would contact Emelyn with ideas as well.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Kamal reported that DES had informed him that they were scheduling an inspection for a bridge restoration project on his property, that was completed in 2010. DES will be zipping right out there by August or September of this year (2016).

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 1, 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 7:00 p.m. to clear the hall for the Historical Society. It was novel to have that many people in the room for a conservation commission meeting, even if none of them were interested in what we were doing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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