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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, August 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the July 11 meeting were approved.
- Financial report: \$220.87 remains in the 2016 budget. The conservation fund earned \$0.43 interest last month.

Water Issues:

- ECC received the application for matching grant money from NHDES for milfoil removal for 2017. Chair will arrange to survey the known areas to determine what sort of follow-up may be needed by a professional milfoil control company to estimate methods and costs for any projected milfoil harvesting activities for 2017. The application deadline is Sept. 15, 2016.
- As of the middle of July, Pete Dinger had not heard back from DES regarding the wetland permit for the erosion control project on his shorefront property on Province Lake. Members discussed options for contacting DES to help determine the status of the application. Meanwhile, Mr. Dinger has contact information as well, and may pursue the inquiry from his end.

Land Issues:

- Map 413, Lot 160, Pine River Road: Time is growing short for sufficient grant money to come in before the ECC's offer expires with the seller on Sept. 15. Ten grant requests and one letter of inquiry are still out. ECC has been awarded \$5,000.00 by the Fields Pond Foundation and is under consideration by "An Environmental Trust" in Elkin, NH. This falls far short of the amount needed to meet the terms of the purchase and sale agreement by its expiration date. A private purchaser may be willing and able to buy the lot and hold it for ECC, removing the urgent deadline pressure, but no solid arrangements have been made at this time. The mailbox could fill up with checks in the next three weeks, who knows?

Education and Outreach:

- Effingham Preservation Society has asked for participation from ECC in the society's bicentennial celebration on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members discussed various options for displays or activities to promote conservation in Effingham. Nearly all ECC members have schedule conflicts on that day, which further complicates commission input.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Household Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Ossipee Town Garage. GMCG will be handing out well testing kits at the event. Bill Wrabel will attend as Effingham's representative.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 12, 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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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