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## Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, October 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Bill Piekut attended as a guest.

- Bill reported to the commission that the fire department will be repairing the hydrant that draws from Pine River at the Elm Street bridge. The department will be seeking a PBN from DES. Commission added this to the agenda under Other Business.

### Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the September 13 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: The 2016 budget has a remaining balance of \$220.87. The conservation fund earned 43 cents interest last month.

### Water Issues:

- Milfoil: New England Milfoil conducted harvesting operations in Ossipee Lake and Ossipee River on September 26-27. Cliff Cabral reported only a modest harvest. He will provide a more complete report later with the final tally.
- More Milfoil: Chair submitted ECC's application for DES matching funds for 2017. Amy Smagula acknowledged receipt of the application and will contact ECC for required supplemental information.
- The wetland permit for Chris Pongratz has been approved and delivered. A duplicate of the permit was provided to project engineer Chris Albert.

### Land Issues:

- Map 413, Lot 160, Pine River Road – Mr. Cherubini extended the P&S agreement until February 15, 2017. Chair has contacted a local foundation that has offered funds to facilitate the purchase, to let them know the agreement had been extended and to ask whether a grant application needs to be submitted. As part of the extension agreement, ECC has agreed to place a granite bench in memory of Mr. Cherubini's parents, which Mr. Cherubini will pay for, and to give monthly reports on the purchase project. Chair also contacted the Fields Pond Foundation to apprise them of the situation.

### Education and Outreach:

- NHACC Annual conference will be held on Saturday, November 12, in Pembroke.

### Other Business and Special Reports:

- Members discussed an anonymous complaint that had been submitted through a couple of channels. Without an actual complainant and a signed, detailed report, the commission decided that no official action should be taken. A couple of commission members did examine the site informally and found no basis for further action.
- 2017 budget: members discussed the budget request for next year. While most categories seemed adequately funded, an increase will be requested in the land improvement category,

to provide access improvements to the Cherubini property, should that purchase be completed.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 7, 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*); Virginia Wrabel; Kamal Nath (*alt.*). Absent: Dave Goulet (*alt.*); Bill Wrabel (*alt.*)

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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