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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, September 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the August 1 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: There is \$220.87 remaining in the 2016 budget allocation. The Conservation Fund has \$17, 425.48. The Aquatic Invasive Plant Fund has \$11,840.00.
- Communications, Interactions with other town boards, etc.: Jim Morris has informed town officials and participants in the various Master Plan committees that the 2009 Master Plan is finally going to be bound and distributed, just about in time to begin a new round of committees for an update to the Master Plan.

Goals and Schedules: The commission needs to formulate the budget request for 2017.

Water Issues:

- Milfoil: DES sent a report on milfoil mitigation activities to date in Ossipee Lake. Sites in probable need of further control will form the basis of any grant request for matching state money for next year. Members approved immediate action to contact Cliff Cabral to have New England Milfoil get to work while there is still enough water in the lake for harvesting activities still on this year's schedule. Chair will contact Freedom about including a cove on their side in this round of harvesting. Jim McElroy reported two areas in Ossipee River, and the chair noted another one near the Route 153 boat ramp. Freedom uses a different contractor, not New England Milfoil, so those areas will have to be handled separately in cooperation with Freedom.
- Pete Dinger finally received approval for his shoreline erosion control project. He forwarded Chris Pongratz's application for a similar project now moving forward since the summer season has ended.

Land Issues:

- Map 413, Lot 160, Pine River Road – With the P&S agreement set to expire on Sept. 15, ECC awaits a response from Mr. Cherubini regarding an extension to Dec. 31. A local foundation is considering a grant to cover the purchase, contingent on sufficient unclaimed funds remaining in their grant pool at the end of the year.

Education and Outreach:

- The Effingham Preservation Society Bicentennial Celebration was sparsely attended. The pie-eating contest was opened to all ages. Organizers learned that apple pie is not a good choice for competitive eating – too much chewing. Blueberry is better. Pudding and crème pies would be best, since they're basically a thick beverage in a crust. Thanks to the Effingham Fire Department and the other contestants for their energetic efforts.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- An anonymous complaint was delivered in a roundabout fashion to the Board of Selectmen, and conveyed to the Conservation Commission for us to scratch our heads over. Chair will contact the landowner named in the complaint to see what substance may underlie the unsigned allegations.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 3, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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