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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, November 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the October 3 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: \$220.00 remains in the 2016 budget allocation. The Conservation Fund earned 43 cents interest.

Water Issues:

- Milfoil – New England Milfoil billed the town \$2680.00 for the collection of 340 gallons of milfoil. This is one tenth of last year's harvest of 3040 gallons. The money was released from the town's Invasive Plant Fund. Cost estimates for milfoil control have been submitted to DES for matching funds for 2017. Effingham's costs will be broken out of Ossipee's estimate if Effingham approves the work ahead of time. Chair attended a Berry Bay Association meeting at which Amy Smagula of DES suggested that towns share costs when dealing with a body of water that encompasses multiple municipalities. Chair will handle liaison with Freedom and Ossipee as appropriate for sites on Ossipee Lake and Ossipee River.
- Pete Dinger's shorefront erosion control project suffered a setback when the 3-inch deluge of rain on October 13-14 tore out seeded areas that had not had time to take hold. Pete will restore the surface and seed it again.
- Folsom Property – DES received a complaint of a shed improperly placed in the shoreland buffer and installation of a boat lift without a permit. ECC had approved a permit for work at the site, but an abutter apparently pursued an inquiry with DES as a complicated project was unfolding.
- Townsend Wetland Permit – Chair and Vice Chair met with Chris Albert of Jones and Beach on Oct. 25 to review a bank stabilization project on the windward shore of Province Lake. Members discussed the site. ECC signed the permit.
- Westward Shores expansion – GMCG asked ECC to submit a letter in support of Freedom's appeal to the Ossipee ZBA opposing the proposed campground expansion. The draft was prepared by Susan Slack. Members approved this participation.

Land Issues:

- Cherubini Property – ECC submitted a grant proposal to a local foundation on October 29, seeking \$30,000.00 toward the purchase of Map 413, Lot 160, Pine River Road. Mr. Cherubini had visited the land recently and wondered why some trees were flagged along one property line. When the investigative team from ECC examined the site, they noted that the tape appears old and faded. They were probably part of a survey to prepare a nearby lot to be offered for sale. Lot 161 is not for sale, but Lot 162 is. Mr. Cherubini was informed through Lynne Butler, the real estate agent.

Education and Outreach:

- The NHACC Conference was scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12, in Pembroke.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Members filled out ballots for the annual Employee/Volunteer/Elected Official of the Year Awards.
- The commission reviewed an application for a PBN on Province Lake. It pertains to reconstruction of a retaining wall on Map 160, Lot 2.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 7, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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