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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, April 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m., even though Tim was not late. He was actually the first in the parking lot. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the March 6 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: With the approval of the voters at Town Meeting, the 2017 budget allocation of \$3,796.00 is now available. The aquatic plant fund probably has \$3,000 more in it than the report has reflected for the past year or more, because one year's appropriation was overlooked. Amazing what you find when you turn over the couch cushions.

Water Issues:

- DES Milfoil Grant – ECC decided not to commit the town to the expenditure of funds required to join the DES-organized milfoil cleanup on Ossipee Lake this year. While the chair sensed disappointment from state authorities, the plan they offered would have expended all the funds the town put up, regardless of how much of the total effort was directed at Effingham's specific areas of concern. The chair also contacted the contractors retained by DES to inform them that Effingham would not be participating. ECC will contact New England Milfoil to schedule a survey and any follow up treatments recommended on Effingham's portions of the lake and river.

Land Issues:

- Pine River Road Lot – Jack discovered two errors in the deed for the new conservation lot (Map 413, Lot 160) when he was trying to produce a Google map of it. Two sections had been omitted from the description. He informed Claudia, who will alert Matt Serge's office to correct it. The newly-revised deed will then have to be re-registered.
- Chair sent a letter to Thomas Healy of Quincy, Mass., to inquire about establishing a temporary right of way on the woods road that enters the new conservation lot from Mr. Healy's lot. This currently provides the only developed access from the road, which will be needed for initial access improvements on the conservation lot itself. Mr. Healy has not responded. Members discussed a timetable and methods for follow-up communications.
- Name: Members thought that they had settled on Pine River Cherubini Preserve at the March meeting, but apparently had agreed to cogitate on it for at least another month. Various options were discussed, before everyone settled on Pine River Cherubini Preserve again. More discussion followed on construction of the sign, for clarity and visual appeal.
- Kamal has been in contact with Wendy Scribner about leading a walk on the new preserve, but has received no commitment. Another candidate to lead the walk would be Peter Pohl.

Education and Outreach:

- ECC had a display at the March 18 Town Meeting with information on the Wildlife Action Plan and the new preserve. Thanks to Jack and Kamal for attending to the display.

- Roadside Trash Cleanup – The annual roadside trash cleanup will be on Saturday, April 29. Participants should meet at the town offices, School Street, between 8 and 9:30 a.m. for road assignments. Trash bags and disposable gloves are available. A barbecue will follow at the town offices at noon. Bill Wrabel will be grillmeister. Virginia and Emelyn will purchase food and supplies. Al will alert the Transfer Station. Emelyn will post the signs at key intersections and points of visibility on Sunday, April 23. Kamal has already notified KELF members.
- UNH Extension is having a public meeting on Taking Action for Wildlife, on Thursday, April 27, at Runnels Hall, Chocorua, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- ECC members voted to laminate the two new large-scale maps provided by UNH Extension as part of the Wildlife Action Plan. These will then be on display at the town offices.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- In consultation with Claudia, Chair discovered that ECC is owed \$700 more in current use revenues.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 1, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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