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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, May 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Selectman John Meisner attended as a guest.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the April 3 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: The 2017 budget allocation has \$3036.22 left in it after expenditures to date totaling \$759.78. The Aquatic Plant Fund has a balance of \$15,068. The Conservation Fund received \$2,500.00 in Current Use Change Tax revenues. When the \$10,000.00 is extracted to pay for expenses related to the purchase of the Pine River Cherubini Preserve, the fund balance will be \$9,000.00.

Water Issues:

- Chair contacted Cliff Cabral of New England Milfoil and Roberta McCarthy of the Berry Bay Association to begin arranging a survey of milfoil areas in Effingham waters of Ossipee Lake and the bays.

Land Issues:

- The corrected deed has not been delivered and the town attorney's office has not communicated about it. Selectman Meisner said he would look into it
- Chair sent a second letter to Thomas Healy of Quincy, Mass., to ask for permission to enter the PRCP through the woods road that leaves Pine River Road on Healy's property. This would involve moving rocks placed across the entrance to prevent vehicular access. Chair has asked Joe Daigle, whose orchard is on the other side of the road, if he has equipment capable of moving the boulders, and if he would be kind enough to do so. He said yes.
- Chair also approached Mr. Cherubini for written permission to use his name officially for the preserve, and display it on signage. As of the meeting, there had been no response. Jack showed a design drawing for the proposed sign. Members approved.
- Members discussed the need for a driveway permit, and general issues related to building a parking area. Jack reported that he had found a point that would need minimal work. He will stake it out and contact Zoning Officer Rebecca Boyden. A trail would then have to be built to connect to the woods road within the PRCP boundaries.
- Tim mentioned that he had a candidate for trail building. Andrew Lester of Wolfeboro specializes in low impact trail construction, and will be invited to address the next meeting.
- Jack and Emelyn walked the property in the last week of April. They were unable to find corner pins, and encountered a lot of wet areas. They did examine a possible trail route.

Education and Outreach:

- Roadside Trash Cleanup: The total haul mounted from 186 bags counted on Saturday, to 196 reported through the Transfer Station. Then Tim reported seeing six or seven more along Green Mountain Road, which would put the total at 203. John Meisner mentioned that Anya Bartoswicz also said she was going to do Highwatch Road, which could yield even more

bags. Officially, 29 volunteers signed up and 18 attended the barbecue lunch. That was up from the 27 volunteers and 15 diners last year. The new volunteers enabled the cleanup to take in Nutter, Colcord Hill, and Molly Philbrick roads. Debris included three hypodermic needles. Al reported issues with a television, tires on rims, and other items for which the transfer station usually charges. John Meisner said he would discuss a plan whereby things collected in roadside cleanup could be accounted differently in order to manage any discrepancies.

- Effingham Preservation Society has scheduled its street fair for Saturday, June 24, at the Grange Hall. She had asked whether the ECC would like to sponsor the pie-eating contest again. After last year's disappointing event, ECC will decline to present the pie eating contest, but is open to other suggestions. Al ran through a few ideas for improved cooperative events with the Historical Society.
- UNH Extension and GMCG have rescheduled their public meeting on Taking Action for Wildlife to Wednesday, May 31, at Runnells Hall, Chocorua, from 6 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is requested.
- The commission once again used their corporate personhood to provide individual anonymity for the judges of the annual children's Earth Day Poster Contest. As always, the selection was difficult when facing such a uniform level of creativity and ability. Many entries were truly thought-provoking. Great art challenges, often leaving the viewer with more questions than answers.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Chair responded to an inquiry from Jason Earle regarding the elm trees planted near the Lord's Hill bandstand. Kamal will follow up with an excellently detailed summary of best practices for elm tree care.
- Chair reported that DES had denied an application by Thomas (name please), prepared by Jones and Beach, for shoreline refurbishment on Province Lake. The property is located on Remick Road. Purely for the commission's own education, Kamal will follow up to determine what was unsatisfactory in the application. Jones and Beach has gotten approval of several shoreline plans prior to this.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 5, 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 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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