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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, October 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public. The WAP presentation was postponed because one of the presenters was unable to attend. It is scheduled for November's meeting.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the Sept. 11 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: little change from last month.
- Interactions with other town boards: Budget Committee asked ECC to cut the budget request from \$4,655.00 to \$4,000.00. This was removed from the Land Improvement line item.

Water Issues:

- Cliff Cabral of New England Milfoil will survey the Ossipee River for milfoil from Route 25 to Huntress Bridge on Thursday, Oct. 5. Any milfoil discovered will be harvested the following day, Friday, Oct. 6.
- The Berry Bay Association will have its annual meeting on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. Emelyn and Jack will be attending. Cliff Cabral will also be there, as well as possibly someone associated with the project to rebuild the Berry Bay Dam at the top of the Ossipee River.
- Roberta McCarthy has asked Emelyn to join the board of the Ossipee Lake Alliance to represent Effingham. Emelyn is considering it. OLA wants to revitalize the three-town alliance for cooperative action protecting Ossipee Lake.
- Emelyn, and Corey Lane of GMCG, visited the Stevens Road bridge construction site on Sept. 12. They examined the stream diversion and other aspects affecting stream flow. Lawrence Edwards explained the diversion, and laid out the projected schedule for completion. Al Levesque reports that Jersey barriers and concrete blocks returned to the transfer station indicate that the bridge has been completed.
- Members examined the plans provided by the state for the rebuilding of the Berry Bay dam.

Land Issues:

- Bella Terra Trail Construction has not yet installed the bog bridges in the PRCP. Jack contacted Andrew Lester for an update. He reports that Andrew had to reorder the wood. Andrew reported that he checked the rest of the trail after the rain, and it had held up well. Emelyn had also checked and confirms the report.

Education and Outreach:

- Emelyn presented the revised hiking and activity map, incorporating Kamal's observations and suggestions. Members each received a copy, which is approved pending any issues someone might catch in this final reading.

- The WAP meeting will be held at the Nov. 6 ECC meeting, at 7 p.m. ECC's focus will be on developing plans with the WAP team for species of concern on town conservation land.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- As noted above, the Budget Committee cut ECC's 2018 budget request from \$4,655.00 to \$4,000.00.
- ECC members received ballots for 2017 Employee/Volunteer/Elected Official/Special Citizen. It's really hard to choose, when anyone who shows up at all is a precious rarity.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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