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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, September 11, 2017

The meeting was held on a picnic bench under a tree (on E side of the Municipal Offices). It was called to order at 6:45 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the August 7 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: The fund in the ECC bank account is \$21,637,00. Of this \$10,000 has been spent for the Pine River Cherubini Preserve (PRCP) purchase with the remittance pending. Accordingly, the net balance in the ECC fund is \$11,637. The 2017 ECC budget remaining balance is \$948.
- Communications; Interactions With other Town Boards (BOS, PB, ZBA): None

Water Issues:

- Chair is waiting to hear from Cliff Cabral on his observations and scheduling a cleanup of milfoils on the Ossipee River.

Land Issues:

- PRCP: Bella Terra Trail Design (Andrew Lester and crew) plan of putting two bog bridges on wet area of the trail is pending. Recent rains might have been the mitigating factor.

Education and Outreach:

- Following up on Al's suggestion, The Chair has distributed her compiled list of 'Effingham Places To Visit Or Hike' on an existing town map-sketch for commission member inputs.
- A Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) delegation meeting is scheduled for the regular ECC meeting on Oct. 2 and Nov. 6 at 7:00PM. The delegation includes the County Forester, Wendy Scribner and from NHACC, Barbara Richter. The commission meeting will be a short one – 6:30 – 7:00PM

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Kamal Nath, alternate member, was voted in to full membership. The Chair will let the Town know, accordingly.
- 2018 Budget: The Budget Committee will meet on Tue., Sept. 26 to consider the ECC budget submission.
- There is a meeting on ongoing Steven's Rd bridge construction on the 13th (wed) that the chair will attend on behalf of the ECC.
- Some members mentioned that one of the Elm tree sapling (planted by ECC), situated at the North side of the Lord's Hill Church is doing poorly. Discussion involved on probable infection (Dutch Elm Disease, a fungus carried by beetle vector) or soil ecology issue.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 7, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 – 7:00p.m., hopefully in the meeting room.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM or thereabouts

Respectfully submitted,
Kamal Nath, Not a Recording Secretary

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