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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, April 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the March 5 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: The town meeting approved the 2018 budget amount of \$4,000. Of that, \$266 has been expended for NHACC annual dues. The ECC Fund has a balance of \$12,223.00. The Invasive Plant Fund stands at \$15,068.00
- Members discussed some general budgeting issues for 2019. Kamal and Jack are investigating whether the commission needs to place a warrant article for each year from now on, to ensure that any leftover funds in the ECC budget at the end of a year get transferred to the ECC Fund rather than incorporated into the General Fund.
- Communications, interactions with other town boards: The ZBA was waiting to hold a special meeting right after the ECC meeting, so the commission galloped through the agenda.

Water Issues:

- Ossipee Lake Alliance has not communicated further about the three-town alliance proposal for the Lake Host Program discussed at the March meeting.

Land Issues:

- PRCP trail not yet completed, as the area remains wet and snowy.

Education and Outreach:

- Earth Day Poster Contest – Chair has contacted EES Principal Pat Morrissey about the contest, but has not heard back yet.
- The Earth Day Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 21. Kamal handles contact with existing KELP volunteers. Al will alert the Transfer Station. Emelyn and Jack will put the signs out a week ahead. Emelyn and Virginia will acquire food. Bill Wrabel has volunteered to be grillmeister.
- WAP presentation: Kamal reported on the suggestions sent to ECC regarding various ways to implement the Wildlife Action Plan and utilize its findings here in town. Members discussed a proposed presentation on brook trout. Because of the lead tie required to schedule a speaker, Virginia suggested that the whole idea be held for the spring of 2019. Members will discuss other suggested actions at a later meeting.
- For the Town Meeting, Emelyn made a small informational display about the dam rebuild on Ossipee River. Because basically no one bothered to come look at it, members discussed the pros and cons of having anything at the meeting in future years. Kamal recommended having something simple and eye-catching just for visibility. Format will be developed at a later meeting.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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