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## Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, February 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

### Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the Jan. 7 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: Pending approval by the voters in March, the 2019 budget stands at \$4,205.00. The balance of the ECC fund is \$10,977.00. The Invasive Aquatic Plant Fund has a balance of \$13,680.00. Replenishment of both of these funds awaits approval by the voters as well.
- Communications, interactions with other town boards: Emelyn, Jack, Virginia, and Tim attended the Jan. 17 public hearing before the Planning Board, at which a citizen-petitioned warrant article to repeal the entire zoning ordinance was discussed. The Planning Board did not recommend the measure, which will appear on the town warrant with that notation. Other items considered at that public hearing included several routine housekeeping items in the zoning ordinance, which will be enacted if the voters approve, and we still have one.

### Water Issues:

- ECC received notification from New England Milfoil that rates are going up this year. Milfoil removal will be billed at a cost of \$1,120.00 per day, up from \$1020.00 in 2018. The cost for a general survey of town waters to look for milfoil will cost \$675.00, up from \$600.00.

Land Issues: None.

### Education and Outreach:

- Kamal received the invoice from the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center on behalf of ECC. SLNSC will be providing a live animal presentation in conjunction with the Drakes Corner street fair in June.
- Kamal also reported that Mary Goodyear of NH Fish and Game had let him know that the ECC request for a presentation on brook trout, with a target date of Friday, April 19, has been sent out to the agency's presenters, but no one had accepted it yet. Commission members discussed alternate dates in case that proves to be a problem. These include Saturday, April 20, Sunday, April 21, and Monday, April 22.
- Emelyn and Tim wrote up the annual summary for the town report, and Emelyn submitted the approved copy to the town.
- Emelyn asked the other members to think about a theme for the Earth Day Poster Contest for students at Effingham Elementary School. Kamal and Tim both said, "climate change." Members discussed whether this would provide enough visual possibilities for the students. Members will give it further thought before nailing it down at next month's meeting.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Update of By-laws: Because Kamal had done preliminary edits on almost the entire document, members were able to surpass their goal of the first seven articles, and proceed as far as 9.01. Most changes were simply streamlining the language. Tim entered the evening's edits into a digital copy of the document, which will be sent to the members when editing is complete.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 4, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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