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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, November 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the Oct. 7 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: An invoice for \$2,340.00 from New England Milfoil was submitted for payment from the Invasive Plant Fund. The remaining balance in the 2019 ECC budget is \$1,346.00.
- Communications, interactions with other town boards: The Budget Committee passed ECC's 2020 budget request without changes. It will go to the voters at the town meeting in March.

Water Issues:

- Lorie Dunne of the Province Lake Association is scheduled to attend the Dec. 2 meeting to review the PLA Lake Host Program. She also mentioned possible new information on water quality testing in Province Lake.
- New England Milfoil completed harvesting operations in Effingham's portion of Ossipee Lake and Ossipee River. Cliff Cabral reported that they collected 80 gallons of milfoil from Marist Cove and 40 gallons from Ossipee River. He also mentioned that they harvested 120 gallons from just above the dam in Kezar Falls, Maine.
- Chair attended the Berry Bay Association meeting on Oct. 12. Speaker Amy Smagula of DES reported that the state sent divers into Ligouri Cove for three days to clean up milfoil. This is the suspected source for milfoil in Marist Cove. Reduction of milfoil there should reduce the growth in Marist Cove.

Land Issues:

Education and Outreach:

- Kamal posted photos of the PRCP and LLP on the "Beautiful Effingham page on Facebook. Good work, Kamal.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Final versions of the Bylaws and P&P documents were distributed.
- Kamal mentioned several items not listed on the agenda, which touch on Education and Outreach, Land Issues, and ECC goals:
 1. Kamal wants to open the kiosk in the LLP in May He cleaned off spider webs from the outside, but wants to review and update the materials presented in it to reflect any changes in the preserve since the kiosk was furnished. Emelyn suggested getting a bird expert to confirm that species listed are still present.
 2. On the subject of kiosks, Jack showed concept drawings for a kiosk in the PRCP. Members discussed possible action on that in late spring.

3. Members discussed getting the state DOT to provide information signs indicating the two preserves, on Route 153 and Route 16 respectively.
4. Kamal will contact Fish and Game in January to start the process for a presentation on bears in April, at the library. This follows up on the success the presentation last April, on brook trout. He will also open communication with the Center for Wildlife in York, Maine to set up the presentation in conjunction with the Street Fair on June 20, 2020. The Historical Society is already agreeable to an arrangement like last year, where the wildlife presentation follows their ice cream social.
5. Kamal will conduct some preliminary research on the solar ordinance that ECC will take up in January.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 2, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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