

These minutes are draft until approved

___Approved

___Approved with changes.

Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, December 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public. It had been rescheduled to Wednesday because of bad weather on Monday, Dec. 2.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the Nov. 4 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: The remaining balance from the 2019 budget allocation is \$1,346.00. The Conservation Fund has a balance of \$10,180.00. The Invasive Aquatic Plant Fund has a balance of \$12,950.00. \$2,340.00 was paid out for milfoil survey and removal costs this year.

Water Issues:

- Invasive Aquatic Plant Fund: Kamal presented his findings regarding the Invasive Aquatic Plant Capital Reserve Fund. First off, the fund was improperly named, based on a misreading of the RSAs governing such funds. While the correct RSA should be applied, its text also allows for the fund to be a valid account regardless of incorrect naming. Members discussed rewording the description of the fund and renaming it as a Non-Capital Reserve fund in accordance with RSA 35:1-c. The reworded basis will also include prevention with eradication, as a clarification that funds from it can be used for things like lake host programs and other efforts to eliminate incoming invasive plant contamination from water bodies where it has not yet been introduced.
- Lori Dunne of the Province Lake Association has asked to reschedule her presentation on their Lake Host Program. Jill Emerson of GMCG may be added to the agenda also, to present the results of the GMCG water quality monitoring program for last year.

Land Issues: None.

Education and Outreach: None.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Background thought continues on the solar energy ordinance. Harry presented findings on the presence of three-phase wiring in town. Jack also presented findings on this. Consensus is that large-scale solar arrays will probably not be viable in town for a long time, but that groundwork should certainly be laid against future need.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, 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: Virginia Wrabel(*alt.*); Bill Wrabel (*alt.*)

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

These minutes are draft until approved