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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, August 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. Catherine Dufault of the Carroll County Conservation District attended as a guest. She gave a detailed presentation on CCCD, what it is and what it does. Services include aid in locating and writing applications for grants for various municipal and conservation projects. She then remained to observe the rest of the meeting.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the July 5 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: After \$3,684.00 in expenditures from the 2021 budget allotment of \$5,455.00, \$1,771.00 is left. The conservation fund showed a balance of \$13,573.00 on the most recent statement. The milfoil fund balance is \$15,408.00.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Tim reported on the state of deliberations at the ZBA regarding the application by Meena LLC to re-establish gasoline sales at the former Boyle's Market. The deliberation phase of the hearing was continued to Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the town offices, at 7 p.m.
- Members discussed the 2022 budget request after the chair reported that the town is looking for that information much earlier than in previous years. Members weighed the merits of a level funding request versus trimming a category that has shown little activity.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection was scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Ossipee Town Hall.

Water Issues: none

Land Issues:

- With no work begun on the new trails at the PRCP, ECC opened communication with Andrew Lester of Bella Terra Trail Design for an update on when the project might advance.
- Kamal visited the PRCP with Wendy Scribner of UNH Extension and discovered invasive Buckthorn. Kamal and Emelyn led discussion of countermeasures. A work day was scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7.

Education and Outreach:

- Because the Effingham Library hosted a Zoom presentation on bobcats on July 29, by Fish and Game Wildlife Steward Don Allen, ECC needs to choose another topic for a presentation next April. Kamal will investigate possibilities and report.
- CCCD will hold a Legislative Tour of Sherman Farm on Friday, Sept. 24, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

- UNH Extension will hold a statewide Bio Blitz in September. Catherine Dufault reported that UNH is offering an app to help participants identify what they find. More information will be forthcoming.

Old business:

- LED streetlight conversion: Diane reported that her contact at Affinity LED told her that Audrey Frazier had said that she was checking with Eversource to see which streetlights are town-owned. Ossipee is apparently proceeding with the conversion. Emelyn asked Catherine Dufault whether CCCD could find any grants to help pay for the conversion in Effingham. Catherine said that she would look into what energy-savings grants were available.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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