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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, December 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. It was a dark and stormy night. Corey Lane from Porter, Maine, addressed the commission regarding the proposed reestablishment of gas service at the former Boyle's Market on Route 25. She presented the case for upholding the Groundwater Protection Ordinance due to the extreme vulnerability of the aquifer at that site, based on soil type and rapid transmissivity of contaminants into the groundwater that feeds into the entire Ossipee River system. She asked the ECC to consider writing a letter addressing these concerns as part of the ongoing legal process set in motion by the ZBA approval of a variance to proceed with the tank installation. This zoning decision has been challenged, and is proceeding through the legal system. Members agreed to consider options for a statement. Drafts will be compared at the ECC meeting in January.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the Nov. 1 meeting were approved.

ECC Goals 2022: Chair requested that members think of projects that ECC could take up, using grants, to provide lasting values – other than purchasing conservation land – for the town.

Water Issues:

- New England Milfoil submitted an invoice for \$1,210.00 for this year's milfoil survey and harvest. The invoice has been paid and the trustees of the trust funds were alerted to transfer the funds from the Invasive Plant Fund to the town general fund.

Land Issues:

- None

Education and Outreach:

- None

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Steve Jarecki has confirmed his acceptance of full membership in ECC. Jack made the motion to confirm regular membership. Harry seconded.
- Audrey Frazier alerted ECC that board and commission annual reports will be due soon. Tim volunteered to write up ECC's report for the 2021 Town Report.
- Members discussed Ossipee's plan to replace their conventional streetlights with LED lights. Effingham has not completed a full inventory of which streetlights are actually the town's as opposed to private lighting. This may be a good subject for a grant from the CCCD/USDA.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 3, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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