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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, February 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. Caitlin Noseworthy and Bethany Mestelle, Americorps members representing GMCG, attended to give a report on GMCG's water quality monitoring results for Effingham. They presented the annual data and trends in the test parameters for each site.

ECC Goals: Discussion of the wish list of projects and programs to seek grants for was held over until next month, when Kamal will hopefully be able to attend.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the Jan. 3 meeting were approved
- Financial Report: With no transactions to report, the conservation fund balance stands at approximately \$13,600; the invasive plant fund balance is approximately \$15,000; and the 2022 budget allotment, awaiting approval by the voters at Town Meeting, is \$3,885.00.

Water Issues:

- The Planning Board held a meeting including Zoom, regarding the site plan for the work being done at the former Boyle's Market. There was no public input. Public input will be allowed at the next meeting, on Feb. 24.

Land Issues:

- No action this month.

Education and Outreach:

- Discussion of the History of Wildlife program was held over to next month when Kamal will hopefully be able to attend.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- NHACC will hold a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, March 2, at noon, on funding options for trails.
- LED Streetlight Conversion: When Chair requested a copy of the ECC budget for this year, Audrey sent a copy of the entire town budget, including a line item for \$13,000.00 for street lighting, increased from \$8,558.00 the previous year. Members agreed that this could probably be reduced significantly by replacing the current lights with LED lights. Diane will continue her research on this.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 7, 2022, 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 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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