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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, July 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: ECC paid \$2,500.00 to Bella Terra Trail Design for work on the new trails in the PRCP, leaving \$898.00 in the 2022 budget allotment. The statement balance in the ECC Fund is \$13,675.23.

Water Issues:

- Dan Coons has not reported yet regarding wetland conservation priorities or the FEMA floodplain requirements. Harry suggested that Dan should return for another informational meeting because Harry missed Dan's earlier appearance at the June, 2022, meeting.
- The Planning Board will continue its discussion of the Meena development at the former Boyle's Market on Thursday, June 7, at its regular meeting, so that the applicant can address issues in the independent partial evaluation of the site plan. Chair will deliver a petition from interested parties asking the board to apply the highest standards to the risk presented by the proposal, and invite discussion. The report of the review by Horizon Engineering of Littleton was released last week.

Land Issues:

- Andrew Lester completed the Upland Trail in the PRCP before he left for his summer job on Martha's Vineyard. He is expected to return in October to complete the Wetland Trail. Members agreed on these names for the new trails, and Pine River Trail as the name for the original central route.

Education and Outreach:

- ECC confirmed the Birds of Prey program by the Center for Wildlife, to be presented on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Effingham Historical Society building from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Street Fair. Volunteers are needed to help set up the room and put things away afterward. Signage and a flyer are being prepared.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Allegedly, Emelyn and Diane went through the old files and materials in the modular on June 10. This presents a temporal anomaly, because Diane didn't volunteer to help until the meeting on June 6. This may only have been a test run of the ECC Time Machine, before using it to conduct more significant campaigns to alter the time line and enhance environmental sensitivity in what would be the altered present. This program was apparently financed by another time jump to make a quick investment in a weird little tech company called Apple, back in the early 1980s. No decision yet on whether to invest some of the proceeds on the ECC blimp. Meanwhile, the reorganization team did reduce the ECC files to four cabinets.

- Chair reported that Diane had determined that the project to convert town outdoor lighting to LEDs is at a standstill because the town was unable to move quickly enough to pair with Ossipee, and now the lighting company can't find installers to work in the area.
- ECC received a thank you note from GMCG for support of the bat house workshop.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Aug.1, 2022, 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: Diane Jarecki; Steve Jarecki; Virginia Wrabel(*alt.*); Bill Wrabel (*alt.*)

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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