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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, December 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The minutes of the Nov. 7 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: Jack is working with Audrey to reconcile expenditures that had been miscategorized, and verify that the 2021 budget surplus is properly credited to the Conservation Fund.

Water Issues:

- The Planning Board hearing regarding the Meena site plan review is scheduled to resume on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., barring further delays and continuations. The ZBA may hear an application on Wednesday, Jan. 4, by GMCG and abutters to the Meena property to determine whether the Planning Board erred when it did not require a Special Use Permit for the site. The ZBA hearing was originally scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 7, but a problem with the application has delayed it.
- Milfoil: ECC authorized expenditure of a total of \$3,050.25 for milfoil survey and harvesting this year. Chair will request the release of funds from the Invasive Plant Capital Reserve Fund to pay for this.

Land Issues:

- None

Education and Outreach:

- None

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Members discussed two drafts of a proposed warrant article for Town Meeting in March, and voted to select one. ECC will be requesting that the town vote to increase the share of current use change tax directed to the Conservation Fund from 50 percent with a cap of \$2,500.00, to 100 percent, retaining the cap of \$2,500.
- Diane will talk to Audrey about the computer space offered to ECC in the computer located in the modular behind the town office building.
- ECC received a thank you note from GMCG for the town's \$1,000.00 contribution to the water quality monitoring program.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, 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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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