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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, July 10, 2023

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 June 5, 2023 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: A total of \$3908.55 remains in the 2023 budget according to the spreadsheet emailed to members. It sounded like \$398.00 trying to hear over the noisy air conditioner in the modular building where the meeting was held. The ECC fund balance stands at \$16,564.44. The Invasive Plant fund balance is currently \$14,694.45 after a payment of \$1,463.20 to New England Milfoil for hand harvesting on Leavitt Brook.
- Communications, Interactions with other town boards: Chair reports that Audrey Frazier has taken a job in Tuftonboro and will be phasing out from Effingham over the next few weeks. She says she will be available as needed to help the town transition to a new administrator.

Water Issues:

- New England Milfoil hand harvested eight gallons of milfoil from Leavitt Brook on June 25. The project required walking the length of the infested area of the brook. The cost, as reported above, was \$1,463.20. New England Milfoil will return later in the season to survey and clear Effingham's portion of the Ossipee River.

Land Issues:

- ECC received an estimate of \$400 from Dale Smith to clean up the brush piles and logs from the LLP. Jack made the motion, seconded by Diane, to expend the \$400. The vote to approve was unanimous. This will complete the storm debris cleanup on that property until the next one.
- PRCP trails: Kamal contacted Recon Trail Design as an alternative to Bella Terra, in light of Andrew Lester's logistical difficulties. Matt C of Recon said that he would be happy to check out the project and do an estimate, but his company is booked until 2024. Members agreed to have Recon do an estimate, following a motion by Diane, seconded by Steve. This does not close out the possibility that Andrew Lester might appear, but opens a solid negotiation with a company actively operating locally.

Education and Outreach:

- Patti Morrissey provided a list of Earth Day poster themes for Effingham Elementary School. It contains many good ideas from which to work in years ahead.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Elaine Chick informed ECC that a Northway Bank money market account would not be practical because the town conducts all of its banking with Bank of New Hampshire. The expense of operating a single outlying account would exceed the increased interest earned. Members voted to proceed on the previous motion from June, accepting the Bank of NH money market account as a slight improvement over the present savings account.

- The planning board hearing on site plan review for the Meena LLC gas station redevelopment on the Boyle's Market site continues this week on Tuesday, July 11, at the Effingham School, at 6:30 p.m.
- Members held a brief discussion of the causes and prevention of cyanobacteria. There have been several outbreaks on Province Lake already this year.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 7, 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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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