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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, October 2, 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 Sept. 4, 2023 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: No change since last month: \$2,479 remaining in the 2023 budget. ECC fund balance is \$16,564. The Invasive Plant CRF balance is \$14,694.
- Members discussed the 2024 budget request. All lines retained 2023 amounts except for the allocation for GMCG water quality monitoring, which was increased from \$1,050 to \$1,100. Members voted unanimously to present this request for a total of \$4,405 to the BOS and budget committee.

Water Issues:

- Cliff Cabral informed ECC that New England Milfoil will be conducting their survey work on the Ossipee Lake system and in Ossipee River on Oct. 6 or 13. In response to Chair query about Swollen Bladderwort, he said he had only seen the native bladderwort in the waters that he had observed.

Land Issues:

- PRCP trail: Members discussed grant sourcing that Kamal had done preliminary research on. Of those, the ones that responded to an inquiry do not appear to fund trail projects. Kamal will research further prospects.
- The Planning Board advised ECC that it has an application for a conservation subdivision. The grantors are Mark and Lisa Gardella of 1732 Province Lake Road. The total acreage is supposed to be 16.45 acres for residential development and 4.47 acres in conservation. Chair has requested a plat from George Bull of the PB.
- Matt Howe of GMCG requested a letter of support for their grant request to DES for acquisition of a 34-acre parcel that abuts the existing GMCG property at the corner of Green Mountain Road and Route 25. The proposed new portion is Tax Map 202, Lot 7. Chair presented the letter for review by the membership.

Education and Outreach

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Other Business and Special Reports:

- Effingham has a new Town Administrator, Caitlyn Pitts.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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