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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, November 6, 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 Oct. 2, 2023 meeting were approved.
- Financial Report: A total of \$2,479.06 remains from the 2023 budget allotment. The ECC fund balance is \$16,564.44. the Invasive Plant Fund has a balance of \$14,694.45.
- The 2024 budget request of \$4,405.00 was accepted by the BOS and the Budget Committee. It will be presented to the voters at the town meeting in March.

Water Issues:

- Matt Howe, director of GMCG, requested a letter of support for a grant from FEMA to modernize all of the culverts in need in the entire Saco Watershed in New Hampshire. The letter is due by Dec. 15.
- Cliff Cabral reported that NE Milfoil has completed its survey work on Ossipee Lake. The report did not make clear whether this included Ossipee River. No invoice had been submitted at the time of this meeting.

Land Issues:

- Kamal provided a list of charitable foundations that might provide grants for the trail improvements in the PRCP. Chair investigated some of these sources and recalled that the foundations can only provide grants to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Chair plans to contact Katherine Dufault of CCCD, who had said at a previous meeting that CCCD could help find grants that did not require a 501(c)(3) recipient. Members discussed this and other options including NH Fish and Game, Trail Bureau, and consult NHACC for any suggestions they might have. Members may also ask around for other trail builders who might have a more affordable estimate than the one submitted by Recon Trail Design.

Education and Outreach:

- Tim wrote a short explanation of the conditions at the LLP after the storm damage from the microburst and the subsequent extensive cleanup of dangerous debris. This will be posted in the kiosk.

Other Business and Special Reports:

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The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 4, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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