

2013 Report from the Effingham Conservation Commission

Last year, Effingham Conservation Commission (ECC) received a request to supply a new picnic table for the summit of Green Mountain. The old table had fallen apart and there was no money in the Carroll County budget for a new one. ECC discussed this and felt it was a good idea to replace the table so hikers would have a place to relax and eat their meals. With a little research, we found R & R Woodworking in Jackson who builds cedar picnic tables. R & R gave ECC a discount on the table and delivered it for free to Effingham. After talking with Ed Maheux and Bob Boyd, of DRED's Forest and Lands, it was decided they would arrange delivery of the table to the summit. The table was picked up and that was the last we heard about this matter until a couple of ECC members climbed Green Mountain in August. They reported there were two new tables at the summit, but neither one was the ECC table! Whose tables are these and where did the ECC table go? It seems a eagle scout troop had the same picnic table idea as ECC did, but the troop decided to cut the pieces for the tables, climb Green Mountain and assemble the tables at the summit. With some inquiry, we found the ECC table at Bob Boyd's house. After more discussion, ECC requested the table be returned to us so that it could be installed at the Rt. 153 boat ramp. This well traveled picnic table has been installed and awaits any picnic people in the future.

Also, ECC installed an ADA compliant picnic table at the Larry Leavitt Preserve. We cleaned up the preserve and Effingham has another place to picnic and enjoy nature.

This year's Earth Day Poster Contest theme at Effingham Elementary School was "Helping Hands Help the Earth". A prize was awarded to each grade.

Our annual roadside trash clean up broke our previous records--138 trash bags were collected. Thanks again to all the volunteers who help keep Effingham clean. This year's clean-up is Saturday, April 26. Please consider joining us-pick up a few bags of trash and enjoy a lunchtime barbeque.

ECC hired New England Milfoil again to clean up areas of milfoil in Ossipee Lake and River. The good news was there was less milfoil in areas that have been previously cleaned up, but we found new areas of infestation in Ossipee River. Thanks again to Bill Klotz for accepting the milfoil which he will use for compost.

Sadly, ECC had to accept David Goulet's resignation from ECC because of his postal job. Happily, Al Levesque was reinstated as a member after an absence from the ECC.

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Chair., ECC