Members present: Chuck Mitchell, Kathi Mitchell, Jon Scanlon, Ben Wadleigh, Paul Rushlow, Bob Hardy and Jim Cropsey.

**Elections:** Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to nominate Chuck Mitchell as Chairman. Motion passed. Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to nominate Bob Hardy and Helen Hanks as Vice Chairs. Motion passed.

**WRTA:** Rick Silverburg presented the engineering plans for the river trail on the “Ernie’s” piece and Salmon Run. The pedestrian bridge will not be installed at this time, therefore a temporary road crossing is planned. The trail will be constructed up to the proposed location of the bridge, with a temporary section toward the road crossing. It was agreed by members that the trail should curve up close to the parking lot on Ernie’s where a kiosk will be located, then continue around the gully, away from the gully and back closer to the river’s edge along Salmon Run. A meeting with Rip Patten, Quantum and the landscape architect for the “Ernie’s” portion will be arranged on May 15 to further discuss details of this plan.

**Tax Map R18 Lot 12:** Katherine Dawson informed the Commission that the Selectmen have approved an Intent to Cut on this property, but did not consider the need for a Conditional Use Permit for crossing wetlands. The logger did due diligence in filing the Intent to Cut and a Wetlands Permit, but no one notified him that the town requires the Conditional Use Permit. She suggested that the Selectmen work with the Conservation Commission to create paperwork that will inform applicants of the Wetlands Ordinance. She also suggested that there be wording added to the Wetlands Ordinance that an Intent to Cut can be refused if a Conditional Use Permit is not included. Jim Cropsey suggested filing a complaint to DES for this particular property as there are known wetlands on it.

Katherine Dawson also informed the Commission that a property abutting R18 Lot 12 has farm animals with a manure pile that is directly uphill from a brook which eventually enters the Winnipesaukee River.

**Other:**

♀ Chuck Mitchell presented a large antique map from Brownie Gingras which shows all property between town and the Post Office on the river. The dam and mills are shown on the map as well as elevations, etc.

♀ Bob Hardy was asked by the Voc Ag. Dept at WRHS if they could cut deadfalls at Buffalo Park and create wildlife habitat. Chuck Mitchell commented that the easement
does allow for trail maintenance, but not creating wildlife areas. The consensus was that this would be a safety issue with students using chainsaws, etc. and therefore this use will not be allowed.

Chuck Mitchell was informed that the silt fence from recent road construction at WRHS has not been removed and has created water build up. Pat Consentino has said she would contact the school to request that the silt fence be removed.

**Correspondence:**

- Ben Wadleigh asked for an opinion on whether or not to include a separability clause in a conservation easement. Jon Scanlon suggested that this clause is common and allows a contract to remain in force if some portion of it is taken out. After discussion, it was agreed that it protects both parties and would be good to include.

- DES – Tax Map R2 Lot 14 – insufficient information for a septic system application

- DES – 650 Laconia Road – Shoreland Program Permit Application – this appears to correct drainage issues on the property – no comment on this application.

- DES – Granite State Credit Union – Alteration of Terrain application

- Granite State Credit Union – drainage plans

**Minutes** – Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to approve the minutes of March 17, 2014 as read. Motion passed.

**Monitoring form:** The form was reviewed and revised.

**More other:**

- Chuck and Kathi Mitchell attended a DES wetlands meeting – DES intends to streamline the application process

- Jim Cropsey attended “Saving Special Places” – discussed the amount of dollars that should be collected for monitoring easements.

- Jon Scanlon noted that MB Tractor has tractors parked very near the shore of the pond. He suggested asking Al Laplante to see if this is in compliance with the Wetlands Ordinance.

- Bob Hardy suggested that no structures be included at Salmon Run or at Ernie’s as there has been much vandalism at Riverside Park.
♀ Boulders need to be placed at Salmon Run soon. Need to determine how far off the road they should be placed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 05-19-2014