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

Minutes: Jon Scanlon moved, seconded by Bob Hardy to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014 as read. Motion passed.

Lowes: Chuck Mitchell reported that Lowes has funds for civic projects as well as volunteer labor. After discussion about possible projects, Jim Cropsey moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to ask for 3 benches to be anchored and wild flower mix for Salmon Run. Motion passed.

Ernie’s: The PSNH poles are scheduled to be moved on Thursday, August 21. A quick review was made of the extensive EPA report on the clean up of the property. Monitoring wells are to be installed. Chuck Mitchell suggested that as soon as the EPA grant has been completed, the two properties be merged and called Salmon Run Conservation Area and no longer refer to it as “Ernie’s”.

Salmon Run: Jon Scanlon will ask the Selectmen to designate the area as “no parking” and order “no parking” signs. We will ask Katherine Dawson to remind the state that we need a determination of the state right of way in order to finalize location of the fence. Delineation posts from the state will help to keep people from parking cars in this area.

Fencing at Salmon Run (and Ernie’s): Chuck Mitchell received a quote from BII Fence & Guardrail in Belmont. A cedar split rail fence would be $5100 and a wood rail with coreten steel guardrail posts (similar to a guardrail) would be $9900. BII does not recommend cedar fencing because of the amount of maintenance that will be needed due to snow plow damage, etc. BII would also be willing to install a temporary fence on Salmon Run after loam is installed. Paul Rushlow commented that the split rail fence would not survive the damage by snow plows and he would rather see a wooden guard rail. Bob Hardy agreed, saying that we should be thinking about long term maintenance costs of the split rail fence when considering up front costs.

Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to reconsider last month’s vote relative to fencing. Motion passed with 1 no vote. Jim Cropsey asked if we can get the brownish colored steel that the state uses rather than wood. The wood posts used by the state require drilling for installation, while the steel posts can be pounded into the ground. Paul Rushlow suggested using the steel posts with the rust colored steel fencing. Jon Scanlon would prefer the cedar split rail fence for aesthetic reasons as well as liability. He felt that if the fence looks like a state guard rail, but is not as strong then the town could be liable if someone hits it. He felt that the higher
cedar fence would discourage people from stepping over the fence. Jon added that a cedar fence is not intended to keep cars out, whereas a fence that looks like a guardrail but doesn’t have the strength to keep a car out would be an issue. Jon does not believe the guardrail as proposed would meet the safety specs that the state requires. Chuck Mitchell commented that a guardrail type fence would be more expensive to install, but would not require expensive maintenance that a cedar fence would. Chuck called BII for further information. A heavier wood rail could be used, but Rex of BII felt that the fence would be far enough away from the road that there wouldn’t be the safety issue. In order to meet state specs it would need to be a steel fence which would add approximately $2000 for 500 feet of fencing.

After further discussion, Paul Rushlow moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to go with the coreten posts and rails with 4”x6” steel posts and coreten guard rail with the brown finish instead of galvanized 12” rail with a potential cost of $12,500. Jon Scanlon pointed out that if the new fence starts where the existing fence ends, that is very close to the road and would be a safety issue if the fence does not meet state specs. Chuck responded that the new fencing would start further back from the road and should not be an issue. Kathi Mitchell reminded members that the state still has to delineate where the fence can be located. Jon again expressed concern about a fence that looks like a guard rail but does not meet state specs. Chuck noted that this motion does not address the location of the fence, however it is to be located behind the poles and will have to comply with the state’s right of way determination. Jon stated that if we go with this type of fence we need to specify that the fence must comply with state, local and federal specifications for guard rails. This was included as part of the motion. Jim Cropsey clarified that this vote is only to chose the type of fencing not the location. Vote on the motion was 3 yes and 2 no. Chuck Mitchell will solicit 3 bids based upon this vote. He will also let Credere know about this choice so that the fencing on “Ernie’s” will be the same.

To do:

- Ask Katherine Dawson to speak with DOT re determining the right of way and acquiring delineation posts.
- Contact WRBP re raising the two sewer manhole covers on “Ernie’s”
- Contact Ken Partridge re cost of screening the loam pile and spreading the loam on Salmon Run. Ask if Credere has contacted anyone for screening and loaming

Other: Paul Rushlow applied some round up on sumac and knotweed on “Ernie’s”. Members will meet at Salmon Run on Saturday the 23rd at 7:30 am to work on removing buckthorn.

Jon Scanlon noted that run off in the river during the recent heavy rain storm appeared to be coming from School Street, but he has not been able to identify the source.
Jon Scanlon stated that the cedar shake roof on the bandstand on the island is in dire need of replacement. It was agreed that this would be a better use of funds from Lowe’s and Jon will get measurements for shingles.

**Correspondence:**

- Intent to Cut – Garcia
- DES – 822 Laconia Road R8 Lot 1 – Wetlands permit.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary