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

Minutes: Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Bob Hardy, to accept the minutes of April 20, 2015 as read. Motion passed.

Update:

- WRTA: Bids for trail work have been opened and it is expected that the Northfield Selectmen will award the bid to Lyman Construction. Work on the trail should begin soon.

- Ernies: Belknap Landscaping is currently spreading the existing pile of loam. The planting costs are higher than expected, but the fencing is lower. Fencing should be installed in the next week or two. Work is nearly complete except for the area where the trail construction will take place. That section of Ernie’s will be completed by WRTA. 4 inches of gravel has been spread in the parking lot area with another 4 inches to be done when trail construction is complete.

- Salmon Run: Loam has been delivered to Salmon Run and will be spread soon. This area will be hydro seeded with low growing/low maintenance grass and wild flowers. Paul Rushlow suggested separating the flowers from the grass as the grass will need to be mowed occasionally while the wildflowers need to be allowed to go to seed.

Chuck Mitchell informed members that funding for the split rail fencing along the road on the Ernie’s property was not included in the Credere estimate. The Conservation Commission has committed to installation of the split rail fencing on the Salmon Run property. Chuck hoped that there will be money available from the EPA grant for Ernie’s to continue the split rail fence to the parking lot.

Members discussed methods of obtaining water for irrigating the newly planted areas at Ernie’s and Salmon Run. Suggestions included paying the abutter’s quarterly water bill if allowed to connect to an outside faucet, connecting to the Police Department and running a hose through the culvert and purchasing a small pump to get water from the river. It was agreed that Chuck will discuss watering with Belknap Landscaping to determine whether they will be including any irrigation and what they would recommend. After further discussion, Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to authorize the Chair to expend up to $500 from the annual budget to purchase a pump, hose and sprinklers. Motion passed.
Bids for 500 feet of red cedar split rail fence for Salmon Run were: Superior Fence at $5,850 and Tennis Courts of NH at $5,665. Jon Scanlon moved, seconded by Jim Cropsey to accept the bid of $5,850 from Superior Fence with the funds to come from the Conservation Fund. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- Comprehensive Trail Services pamphlet

Other:

- Jon Scanlon reported that logging has occurred on High Street clear cutting a small lot which has resulted in damage to a culvert.

- The Selectmen filed a complaint to DES relative to Casella indicating that Casella has been hauling and handling hazardous waste without qualified personnel and no record keeping.

- The Commission did not receive a grant for fencing from Home Depot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 06-15-2015