Present: Ben Wadleigh, Helen Hanks, Kathi Mitchell, Chuck Mitchell, Bob Hardy and Jon Scanlon.

Minutes: Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to approve the minutes of June 15, 2015 as read. Motion passed.

“Ernie’s”/ Salmon Run update: The split rail fence has been installed on Salmon Run. Chuck Mitchell would like to place a banner on the fence with the Salmon Run name and giving credit to the Belknap Master Gardeners, the T-N Aqueduct Co. and the Conservation members for work done and monies donated. Work on the WRTA trail has not begun yet but as soon as paperwork is signed and approved by DOT the trail and parking lot will be completed.

The two lots cannot be merged until the Federal grant is completed and closed. Kathi Mitchell cautioned that there should be an agreement with the Selectmen on the future use of the “Ernie” property as conservation use only before merging with Salmon Run.

It was agreed to include the WRTA in a press release to the Echo relative to the development of this Salmon Run Conservation Area as well as the trail and parking.

Chuck and Kathi Mitchell have been watering the newly seeded grass on Ernie’s and Salmon Run. Chuck has asked Belknap Landscaping to add some seeding in some areas on Salmon Run that have not filled in. Rocks and materials disturbed by the installation of the fencing need to be removed. Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Kathi Mitchell to ask Chuck Mitchell to contact the Highway Department relative to removing these materials. Motion passed.

Silver Lake Association request for funds: Silver Lake Association has requested $2500 from the Milfoil Fund for work in Silver Lake. It was agreed that the Association should submit a written request for funds with documentation for expenditures and accomplishments and/or proposed work to the Conservation Commission for consideration of funding.

Mason Conservation Commission letter re: gas pipe line: The Mason Conservation Commission distributed a sample letter asking that Commissions throughout the state support their opposition to the proposed gas pipe line in southern NH. As there was not a unanimous support of the letter, it was agreed that the Commission would not send a letter of support but individual members may do so.
Other:

- Kathi Mitchell reported that her research indicates that the child whose stone was discussed at the June 15, 2015 meeting is buried at Park Cemetery. Members suggested it might reconsider the vote taken at the June meeting to place the stone at “Ernie’s” near the parking lot.

- Jon Scanlon is working on removing vegetation along the retaining wall between Salmon Run and the railroad bridge.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

*Minutes approved 08-17-2015*