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

Minutes: Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Kathi Mitchell to accept the minutes of December 21, 2015 as read. Motion passed.

Checklist: After review of the final revision of the “Checklist for Presenting Projects”, Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to approve the document as presented. Motion passed.

Milfoil Fund application form: Members reviewed and made revisions to a draft of a new application form for requesting funds from the Milfoil Fund. This will be reviewed again in February.

Annual Report: Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to approve the Annual Report to be submitted for the Town Report. Motion passed.

Salmon Run: Chuck Mitchell asked for input on the appropriate location of the banner for Salmon Run. The consensus was to attach it to the fence near the middle of the combined properties, but still on Salmon Run and where it is most visible. Information to be included on the kiosk should include the list of people who worked on the project including contractors and the garden club. Also to be included will be general rules for the area such as “carry in, carry out”, “don’t pick the flowers”, etc.

Rather than a bench in memory of Jim Dodge and Mark Dawson, it has been suggested that a tree would be more appropriate. Members discussed the pros and cons of different varieties that would be suitable for the area. Jim Cropsey moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to suggest to the Selectmen that they select either Shadblow or Mountain Ash as these would provide spring flowers for color and add wildlife value. The tree should be located on the west side of the “Ernie’s” property on Salmon Run to avoid the area with the membrane. Bob Hardy commented that historically, people fished for Salmon when the Shadblow bloomed, and therefore Shad Blow would be an appropriate addition. Motion passed.

As the Current Use Fund was used to purchase both Salmon Run and Ernie’s it may be appropriate to merge the two lots, however Salmon Run has restrictions as per the deed from the State of NH. If the lots are merged, do these restrictions which do not allow any structures apply to the Ernie property? No decision was made on whether to move forward with merging the lots.
Grand opening of Salmon Run: Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Jim Cropsey to hold the grand opening on Earth Day, April 22. Possible activities to include could be to plant the aforementioned tree, invasive species identification, clean up the trail, etc. Activities for the Grand Opening will be discussed at the February meeting.

**Correspondence:** Jim Cropsey moved, seconded by Bob Hardy to pay NHACC dues of $296.00. Motion passed.

**Other:** Jim Cropsey provided information relative to bob cats showing that mortality by vehicles is the highest. The Commission has not taken a stand on NH Fish & Game’s proposal to initiate a bob cat season.

It was agreed to take a soil sample at Salmon Run to determine what fertilizer would be needed. Placing bird houses on Ernie’s was also considered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

*Minutes approved 03-21-2016*