

Randolph Forest Commission

Draft Minutes

Date: October 19, 2016
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza – Chairman, Mark Kelley, Doug Mayer and Alternate Member, David Willcox
Others Present: Michelle Cormier, Danny Vaillancourt, Linda Scherf

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM, and appointed David Willcox in place of Walter Graff

- I. Notes from the September 2016 meeting were reviewed. Since enough members were not present for a quorum, no official business was conducted in September.
- II. Linda Scherf made a presentation to the RFC about Geocaching on the Community Forest. Currently there are some geocache locations on the Randolph Rails-To-Trails and she was interested including some locations on the new Interpretative Trail. This would be a way of encouraging people to try the trails and learn more about the RCF. Since this type of activity fall within the mission of the RCF, it makes sense to support such efforts. David Willcox made a motion to allow Geocaching around the area of the Interpretative Trail, and Doug Mayer made a second to the motion, and the vote was unanimous. After the Geocache are in place, Linda will email the RFC and Doug Mayer will post an announcement on the Town Forest Website.
- III. Danny Vaillancourt attended to ask permission to get access for his pickup truck through the gate at Bowman, for hunting, since he has trouble walking. The Chairman pointed out that the long-term plan for that road is to move the existing gate to the top of the landing to allow a parking and turnaround space. Until that change is made, the RFC agreed to allow Mr. Vaillancourt access with his truck, only to the landing at the top of the hill. This will only be allowed for the 2016 hunting season. Should access be needed in subsequent years, he will have to come before the RFC for annual approval.

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- IV. An issue of trash being dumped on the Town Forest was brought to the Commissioners' attention. In an effort to curtail this, the commissioners agree to have the Chairman purchase a new wildlife camera with a "black infrared" so as not to announce the camera's presence to the suspect.
- V. Doug Mayer made a quick report on the Trail Construction. Progress was good on the Crystal Mine Trail this past summer. Also, David Willcox mentioned that a sign needs to be made and posted at the Crystal Mine, saying it's a protected area. In addition, there are trail signs needed for the new trails on the RCF. Doug Mayer will get some prices on getting some signs made for a list created at the meeting.
- VI. The RFC returned to the topic of signs for the roads on the Town Forest. Doug brought in a sample of a sign painted Forest Green with Cream colored letters. A list of final road names will be presented and a budget to make the signs will be developed
- VII. A small issue developed on the Website, which brought up a discussion of having a bit of regular, professional help, to monitor updates, make changes and insure that further issues don't develop. This would be an estimated \$600 annual cost, and worth trying for one year. The motion was made, seconded and passed by the members.
- VIII. Invoices were presented for approval:
 - a. Chuck Jellison for Mowing Wildlife Openings - \$2,240
 - b. Berlin Insulation for Mowing Farrar Farm - \$2,220
 - c. Landvest Consulting Forester \$1,597.74
 - d. Randolph Mountain Club - Trail Work - \$4,294
 - e. Bernie Waugh Legal Fees \$ 54.03
- IX. The RFC spent the remaining time reviewing the budget for the next fiscal year. This budget as approved by the RFC, will be typed up and presented to the Planning Board.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday November 7, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.