

Randolph Forest Commission

Draft Minutes

Date: July 6, 2022
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza, Chairman, Laura Brocket, Mark Kelley

Guests Present: David Willcox - Alternate, David DeGruttola - LandVest,

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- I. The Chairman appointed David Willcox to sit in place of Jeff Parker.
- II. Minutes of the June 2022 meeting were read, and approved.
- III. **Expenses:**
 - a. LandVest - \$1,744.66 for services during June 2022, mostly related to bid work for the bridge project.
 - b. Town of Gorham, NH - \$ 9.10 Current Use tax bill for property associated with the Potter land donation
- IV. **Income:** Fuller Sugarhouse - \$26,531.10 for the 2022 sugar season tap lease on the Randolph Community Forest. 21,570 Taps at \$1.23 per taps
- V. NRCS Bridge Project -
 - a. David DeGruttola provided an update on the bridges for this project. A NH Engineering Seal was obtained for the bridges to be built, and the order is in place.
 - b. The contract for Albert Cloutier, will be circulated by PDF, so each member can review, but barring any objections, the board approved John Scarinza to sign the contract on behalf of the Randolph Community Forest by July 11, 2022.
- VI. A final report for the logging operations on the Farrar tract was prepared by David DeGruttola, with the following results:

Hardwood sawlogs	43.19 MBF
Hardwood pallet	21.29 MBF
Spruce/Fir sawlogs	5.63 MBF
Spruce/Fir High Grade (tree length)	58.66 Tons
Hardwood pulp	618.58 Tons
Spruce/Fir pulp	6.11 Tons

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- VII. Carbon Credits - At the special meeting of June 6th, 2022, there was a discussion of the issue of carbon credits. The board members have now had a chance to review their notes of the presentation given by Tommie Elder of Blue Source and of that discussion. There was a further discussion at this meeting and the members decided that it was time to take a decision on the issue. Consequently, a vote was taken to table the matter for the present. David Degruttola was asked to thank Tommie Elder for her effort and inform her of the board's decision.

- VIII. The Annual Forest Day will be held this year on August 6th. The main presentation will be provided by Richard Boisvert, retired NH State Archaeologist, who will describe the findings of his years of study on land that was owned by Bob Potter and Roberta Arbree and is now in the Community Forest. There will also be a presentation by David Degruttola about the many aquatic organisms which use the streams that flow under the Pond of Safety Road and the need to provide new bridges for those crossings. After the Town Hall presentations, the field tour will go onto the Pond of Safety Road to see the locations where those bridges will be installed. Because the Annual Forest Day event, there will be no Commission meeting in August.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next gathering will be held Wednesday Sept 3, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.