

# Randolph Forest Commission

## Draft Minutes

**Date:** December 4, 2019  
**Location:** Randolph Town Hall  
**Members Present:** John Scarinza, Chairman, Laura Brockett, Mark Kelley  
**Alternate Members:** David Willcox  
**Others Present:** Michelle Cormier, Selectman's Office

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and appointed David Willcox to sit as an alternate for Walter Graff.

- I. Minutes from the November 2019 meetings were reviewed and approved.
  
- II. Invoices for the month included:
  - a. LandVest for \$15,383.80, which included:
    - i. regular detailed hourly work of David DeGruttola and David Faulkenham, amounting to \$2,308.80
    - ii. Jason Patenaude Excavator, gravel trucks, and compactor work on the Pond Of Safety culvert installation project, which amounted to \$13,075. Some of this is offset with cost sharing by the U.S. Forest Service.
  - b. Town of Jefferson \$1,546 for payment in lieu of taxes on the 1,381.81 acres of the Randolph Community Forest, which is in Jefferson.
  - c. John Scarinza for expense reimbursement related to the Dirt to Trees to Wildlife presentation \$176.42
  - d. Town of Randolph, NH \$6000.00 for payment in lieu of taxes.
  - e. Coos County Soils Conservation District for \$300 to help offset costs related to training during the Dirt to Trees to Wildlife event.
  
- III. George Coulter submitted a request for a permit to trap on the RCF. He has received a permit in past years, and the commissioners voted unanimously to approve this permit.
  
- IV. John Scarinza reported on the planned land purchase from the Town of Gorham. A recent survey was completed and John showed a preliminary map of the transaction. This technically involves a lot line adjustment within the Town of Randolph. This represents approximately 205 acres within the boundary of Randolph, adjacent to existing RCF land, and with existing logging roads. The 2019 Randolph Town Meeting approved a warrant article making the land, if and when it was purchased, a part of the Randolph Community Forest.

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- V. Laura Brockett reported on the 2020 Annual Forest Day. She has secured a couple of speakers, including David Forsyth, who has a home on Durrand Road, and Phil Brown, of the NH Audubon Society who will make a presentation and lead a tour on Birds of the Randolph Community Forest. More information is available on the RCF's website [www.RandolphForest.org](http://www.RandolphForest.org).

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM. Since January 1, 2019 is a holiday, the next meeting will be held Wednesday January 8, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.