

Randolph Forest Commission

Draft Minutes

Date: September 1, 2021
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza, Chairman, Mark Kelley

Guests Present: David DeGruttola, LandVest , David Willcox, Alternate RFC member, Jeremiah Hawkins, Brandy Capozello

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

- I. The Chairman appointed David Willcox, Alternate, to sit in for Laura Brockett.
- II. Minutes of the July 2021 meeting were read, and approved.
- III. Expenses:
 - a. LandVest Invoice for July Services in the amount of \$654.80 which included mapping, the wetland permit process for bridge work, assistance in preparation of the Annual Forest Day, maple tap lease and boundary work
 - b. Town of Randolph - in the amount of \$170.56, for services provided by Drummond Woodsum Law Firm, regarding donations to the Town Forest and documents for the Berry tract.
 - c. Spruce Cove Title in the amount of \$396.00 for a full title search on the Berry Property, before accepting the donation.
- IV. A Boundary Line Maintenance Agreement was prepared by David DeGruttola between the RCF and Brian Campbell for service between July 27, 2021 and December 31, 2021. A motion was made, seconded and passed, to authorized John Scarinza to sign the contract, with amendments, on behalf of the Randolph Town Forest.
- V. Acadia Mitigation has completed the inspection and removal of asbestos in the "Chicken House" at the Farar Farm, and Couture Construction will schedule to remove the building during the Fall of 2021.
- VI. Jeremiah Hawkins discussed a work party being planned for October 16 at the backcountry ski trails, on the RCF. Also, the club is looking to get a litter, or emergency sled, for potential rescue option. Parking has been a bit difficult in past seasons, so Jeremiah will be working with Bill Arnold, who has some suggestions to improve the situation, for the 2021/2022 season. Once a plan is developed, Jeremiah will return to the RFC to review it, and present some ideas for signage.
- VII. Fuller Sugar House had approached the RCF to expand their maple tap lease area, because of destruction on some of the existing least area by the tent caterpillar. LandVest was charged with walking the area under discussion to confirm that the boundary area would be acceptable. David DeGruttola confirmed that the proposed area was within the area designated, and would update the map to reflect this. A motion was

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made, seconded and passed to authorized John Scarinza to sign the new lease contracts once the maps and contract are revised with the items discussed in the meeting.

- VIII. A request from some Randolph citizens was received to add some gravel on the Farar Farm tract between the parking area and the bottom of the hill, near where the gates are being installed. Larry Kenison was hired to deliver and spread three loads of gravel, and he helped install the two gates that had been procured.
- IX. The NRCS project for Bridges on the Pond of Safety Road is moving ahead, but permits are still in the review process, and construction may not begin until 2022. Once permits are approved, bridges can be ordered and delivered. This may take some time, so any hope of beginning in 2021, are slim.
- X. Property easements, in Randolph, will increase, in the next few years, as more property owners have expressed an interest. The RFC has asked LandVest to draft a process to monitor these easements. The land owners maintain ownership of land with restrictions, agreed to by the Town of Randolph. These restrictions must be monitored on a regular basis, and will fall under the management of the Randolph Forest Commission.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next gathering will be held Wednesday October 6, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.