

Randolph Forest Commission

Draft Minutes

Date: November 2, 2022
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza, Chairman, Laura Brockett, Mark Kelley

Guests Present: David Willcox - Alternate, Nathan Reid - Alternate, Michelle Cormier, Tyler Ray, Granite Backcountry Skiing

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 October 2022 meeting were read, and approved.
- III. **Expenses:**
 - a. LandVest - \$430.88 for services during September 2022, mostly related to Right of Way work with the Water Wheel Restaurant property.
- IV. NRCS Bridge Project - These four bridges are in production and should be shipped to the Randolph Forest before January 2023, for storage in the winter of 2022/23 and installation will take place in 2023.
- V. Tree Farm Certification - Haven Neal will be at the RCF on Tuesday, November 8, to inspect the forest for certification. David DeGruttola will be on site to answer any questions and show Haven the recent changes and improvements.
- VI. 2024-2033 Stewardship Plan - The existing plan is up for revision and needs to be completed and submitted by November of 2023.
- VII. Wildlife Highway Crossing Project - The RFC will develop some questions, and ask the group back to discuss the Bowman Wildlife Highway Crossing Project.
- VIII. Glade Skiing - Tyler Ray of Granite Backcountry Skiing was present to explain how popular backcountry skiing as well as Crescent Ridge. This particular glade has become so popular because of the quality and quantity of snow each season. There are approximately 1200 members made up of locals and others from "away." He brought a number of sign ideas for parking and to promote conscientious use of the area.
 - a. Ski Kind Code of Conduct program to make people aware of local concerns.

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- b. Glade Chief - is the name of the person designated for each backcountry area. A new person, Stu Hickey of Gorham is being designated for Crescent Ridge Glades. He will be asked to attend a future Forest Commission meeting to introduce himself.
- c. Overflow Parking at Big Day parking will be set up to reduce the number of cars coming to Randolph. Car pooling will be promoted.
- d. Commercial Guide Practices have been contacted and made aware of parking issues and encouraged to carpool. The Forest Commission has asked that Commercial Guides be required to register with the RCF either directly or through GBA, to insure that the guide is aware of restrictions and requirements, as well as any time constraints. In addition, a report should be filed at the end of each season, to provide the RCF with the number of trips, number of people, and other pertinent information.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. The next gathering will be held Wednesday December 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.