

Randolph Forest Commission

Draft Minutes

Date: February 1, 2023
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza, Chairman, Laura Brockett, Nathan Reid, Mark Kelley

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

- I. The Chairman appointed David Willcox to sit in place of Walter Graff.
- II. Minutes of the January 2023 meeting were read, and approved.
- III. **Expenses:**
 - a. LandVest - \$221.25 for services during December 2022, related to exploring a proposed animal crossing on Route 2, Operation call with John Scarinza and milage.
 - b. Town of Gorham \$3.29 for taxes on the Moose River Lot associated with the Potter Land
- IV. American Tree Farm System sent a letter acknowledging the rectification of the Randolph Community Forest as meeting the Tree Farm Standards. This certification is good through 2028, unless chosen sooner as part of the National sample.
- V. David DeGruttola reported on a logging crew that began work in January on this area of the RCF. Over 306 Cords have been cut though this report. Cutting should be good though the end of February, then weather will dictate if it's possible to continue this year. The current yield is approximately 70% pulp and 30% saw logs. Ray Berthiaume is the new Coos County Forester, and made an effort to introduce himself to David. He's interested in having high school students tour the RCF as part of their program. An estimate of \$1,590 was presented for softwood seed to be spread on the RCF. This is a mixture of Balsam Fir, Red Spruce and Hemlock. Some of the property lines had been walked and marked, but there are a few areas Jefferson off Route 2 that might need to be surveyed to confirm the actual locations of pins. David spoke to Clint Savage of the NH Trails department about some changes and improvements to the existing snowmobile trail on the RCF.

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- VI. 2024-2033 Stewardship Plan - David Willcox sent a draft copy of the goals portion of the Plan for review by the Commissioners. David asked the commissioners to review what had been sent for discussion at the March meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM. The next gathering will be held Wednesday March 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.