

Approved

Town of Randolph

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 8, 2025

Members Present: Michele Cormier, Paul Jadis, John Turner

Guests: Paul Rosenthal, Steve Emerson, Judy Kenison

Linda Dupont

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

Minutes were approved and vouchers signed.

Steve Emerson came before the board representing five residents from Durand Road. (Carol Horton, John Berry, Sam Morneweck, Nichols Family and Jean Malick) to discuss with the board the beaver issue on Durand Road. Steve went on to explain that the beavers have fallen all trees on Jean Malick's property. They have downed trees on the Nichols property and are now crossing Durand Road falling trees on John Berry's property where it meets the Morneweck's property just behind the free-standing solar array. Judy Kenison commented that she has spent close to one thousand dollars hiring trappers to remove beavers from her property. Judy also expressed her concerns with the many dams the beavers have been building up and down the Moose River and its subsidiaries. Both Steve representing the five residents and Judy are requesting the town to take action regarding the beaver issue.

Paul Jadis noted that the selectmen realize the concerns of the residents and the board will discuss this and review options.

The board reviewed the State Police MOU signed December 2024, regarding patrols in Randolph when requested. The MOU stated that the State Police could do four (4) hour patrols. Paul Jadis questioned if the four-hour patrols could be done in two-hour increments. As is was not defined in the MOU, Paul Jadis will contact Troop F Colonel Mark Hall for more information.

Linda Dupont noted that the MOU will expire on December 31, 2025. Michele Cormier moved to renew the MOU with State Police Troop F for another year. Paul Jadis seconded. All agreed. Paul Jadis will look into renewing the MOU for another year.

Michele Cormier discussed the Randolph Forest Commission in determining that beginning in 2025 the Forest Commission would be paying a Timber Tax as a PILT payment going forward in addition to the Current Use PILT payment. This was decided in September 2024 at the Selectmen's meeting and again at the Forest Commission's September meeting, but was not clearly defined in either minutes. Neither Michele Cormier or Linda Dupont was present at these meetings.

The board went into a discussion on the Land Use Ordinance definition of fences as a structure when it's use was to confine animals. They determined this is not clearly presented and will revisit this at their January 26, 2026 meeting.

The board revisited the Durand Road beaver issue. They agreed that the beavers can decimate properties, but so can deer, bear, and other animals. They also discussed how the beavers are affecting the Public Interest.

The board agreed that they will not meet this 4th Monday in December, being Christmas week, unless action needed to be taken.

Hearing no further business, John Turner moved to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

Randolph Board of Selectmen

Michele Cormier, Co-Chair

John Turner, Selectmen

Paul A. Jadis, Co-Chair

Linda Dupont, Assistant to the Selectmen