

Special legislation enacted by New Hampshire's General Court, to assist in the creation of the Randolph Community Forest.

An Act
Relative to the Establishment of a Town Forest
In the Town of Randolph.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

Section 1 Town of Randolph Town Forest Management: Notwithstanding RSA 31:112, the Town of Randolph may, by vote of any annual or special meeting, assign the management of any town forest established by the Town to any board, commission or other management body, or any combination or division of such bodies, as the Town may vote to designate or establish. The designated management body shall have all powers as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this subdivision, or such purposes as may be added or modified by vote of the town meeting, consistent with any applicable covenants, easements or restrictions affecting the forest land. Such management powers may include but are not limited to the power to make contracts, to enter into cooperative agreements with other municipalities, organizations or agencies, to make rules and regulations governing use of the forest, or of facilities located thereon, and to assess charges for such use.

Section 2 Forest Management Revolving Fund: Notwithstanding RSA 31:113, the Town of Randolph may, by vote of any annual or special meeting, establish a town forest management revolving fund. If the fund is established, all proceeds or income from the forest shall be placed in the fund, and shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, unless otherwise voted by the town meeting. The town meeting may, from time to time, vote to place additional amounts from any source into the fund. The management body designated under Section 1 of this Act may accept gifts of money, and place such gifts into the fund, without further approval of the town meeting. All moneys in the forest maintenance fund shall be held and invested by the Town Treasurer, and shall be accounted for separately from other Town funds. Notwithstanding RSA 41:29, the Town Treasurer shall pay out moneys from the fund upon order of the designated management body, which shall have authority to make expenditures from the fund for purposes of town forest management. The management body shall make an annual report to the Town, showing the amount and source of all fund receipts, and the amount and purpose of all fund expenditures.

Section 3. Effective Date: This act shall take effect upon passage.