

Randolph Forest Commission

Draft Minutes

Date: December 5, 2018
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza, Chairman, Laura Brockett, Mark Kelley
Alternate Members: David Willcox
Others Present: Dave DeGruttola/LandVest, Jeremiah Macrae-Hawkins

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and appointed David Willcox to sit as an alternate for Jeff Parker.

- I. Minutes from the November 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- II. Invoices for the month included:
 - a. LandVest for \$299.95 to cover the time of David DeGruttola work in October centered around the the Tree Farm inspection with John Scarinza and Haven Neal.
 - b. Randolph Mountain Club for \$937.17 for installing signs on trails in the RCF.
 - c. Town of Jefferson for \$ 1,961 to cover payment in lieu of taxes on the property the RCF owns in Jefferson.
- III. David DeGruttola from LandVest came prepared to discuss a logging project on an inholding property within the boundaries of the Randolph Community Forest, which is owned by the Brooks Family. Chris Nelson, the logger hired by the Brooks family, approached the RFC for approval to access the roads, and cross some streams of the RCF. LandVest prepared the temporary crossing documents to be signed by both parties, which give permission for these activities. The RFC approved the giving of the license as well as authorizing John Scarinza, Chairman, to sign related documents. Since this is a contract of less than one year, no further approval of the Planning Board.
- IV. David DeGruttola also was present to discuss the timber cut for the Winter of 2018/2019. This project will be entirely within the boundary lines of Randolph, NH. The Intent To Cut document was presented for signatures. A motion was made and a second given, and the decision was unanimous to authorize John Scarinza to sign the documents on behalf of the RCF. The form will be given to the Randolph Selectmen's Office for filing. David presented the contract for this project, and the motion was made, seconded, and approved. The logger for this project is WeLog, who was the same contractor for the 2017/18 Winter cut.
- V. The Town of Gorham is in the process of adding land to its Town Forest, and is seeking ways to raise the money needed for the project. One idea being considered is to sell to Randolph a 200 acre tract at the end of Jimtown Road. This land might be a useful addition to the Randolph

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Community Forest and the RFC asked David DeGruttola to spend time with Haven Neal to explore some of the details of this possible transaction.

- VI. The American Tree Farm System sent a letter of Re-inspection of the Randolph Community Forest based on the inspection by Haven Neal. This certification is good until 2024, unless the RCF is again chosen for a random inspection at an earlier date.
- VII. Jeremiah Macrae-Hawkins attended to discuss some changes to the backcountry ski area. Most importantly, new signage will be added in deep blue color with arrows highlighting the proper areas. A map was presented, which will be put on the kiosk in the parking lot at Randolph Hill Road.
- VIII. The Randolph Forest Commission (RFC) asked David DeGruttola to follow-through with a request to apply for a Current Use permit on the most recent 15 acres added to the RCF in 2018.
- IX. 2018/19 RCF Budget - John Scarinza presented a first draft for discussion. Some additions and corrections were made by the RFC, then the Commission voted to accept the draft budget and forward it to the Planning Board for approval.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.