

Randolph Forest Commission

Draft Minutes

Date: June 6, 2018
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza, Chairman, Laura Brockett, Mark Kelley,
Alternate Members: David Willcox
Others Present: Michelle Cormier, David DeGruttola, LandVest

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

- I. Minutes from the May 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- II. Invoices for the month included:
 - a. LandVest for \$72.00 to cover the time of David DeGruttola work in April.
- III. Payments to the RCF included:
 - a. LandVest \$2,126.72 Gross Stumpage on logs sold from the RCF
 - b. Fuller's Sugarhouse \$19,467.00 to cover the 18,900 taps on the Community Forest at a price paid of \$1.03 per tap. Sap started running on February 21st and ended on April 23rd.
- IV. Dave DeGruttola of LandVest reported on the recent cutting. May Stumpage revenue of \$2,126.72 is the last payment, with a total of \$102,631.33 revenue for 3,342 gross cords, including: logs, pulp & chips, of which 63% or 2,100 cord was just pulp wood and 15% was low grade pallet logs. The remaining 13% was higher grade saw logs. Not everything was cut, but everything that was cut, got to market. LandVest considered this to be a good cut, although the weather did cause the cutting to be shorter than expected. They were able to close out sections that will not have to be crossed to get to the uncut areas. This was a good trimming of low grade wood, and left nice wood for future year cuts. A rough estimate is that about 1/3 of the two years of cutting has been done this first year.
- V. Approximately eight culverts need to be replaced on the Pond of Safety road. A discussion has begun with the US Forest Service to share this expense of this project, and other options are being explored. An update is expected at July's meeting.
- VI. In the past, timber sales were marketed to a logger who paid the timber tax to the town. With this recent project, under a new agreement with LandVest, the maximum price was paid to the RFC. However, the timber tax must be paid by the RFC, from the funds collected. Also, rather than stumpage, the formula is 10% of the total. In this case, the amount will be \$10,263.13. This will be considered a payment to the Town of

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Randolph in lieu of taxes. A motion for this payment was made by Mark Kelley, and seconded by Laura Brockett, with a unanimous vote of the members present.

- VII. The trail to Rollo Falls has been flagged and will be completed before the Forest Tour in August.
- VIII. There are apple trees along the entrance to the Rollo Falls trails, that are in need of being released by clearing around them. This may cost up to \$4000, and it would be nice to complete this before the Annual Forest Tour. There may be a grant available to do this, but time may not allow the grant to be received before the needed time. A motion was made by David Willcox and seconded by Mark Kelley, and followed by a unanimous vote of support to authorize John Scarinza and David DeGruttola to get the project completed and apply for the grant.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Due to the July 4th holiday, the next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.