

Randolph Forest Commission

Minutes

Date: October 2, 2019
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza, Chairman, Laura Brockett, Mark Kelley
Alternate Members: David Willcox
Others Present: David DeGruttola, LandVest; David Faulkenham, LandVest; Michelle Cormier, Selectman's Office; Mike Murphy, American Legion Post 82 Commander; Pat Beauclair Vice Commander; Bill Arnold, Resident; Paul Robitaille, Berlin Sun

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and appointed David Willcox to sit as an alternate for Walter Graff.

- I. Minutes from the September 2019 meetings were reviewed and approved.
- II. Memorial Site - John Scarinza had sent copies of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as well as some comments from people following the public hearing.
 - a. Some comments were made about target practice in the sandpit near the Memorial site, and it was agreed that some signs should be posted making it clear that no target practice is allowed in this area.
 - b. With regard to lighting the flag after dusk and before dawn, The American Legion has a standard for allow for down lighting so the flag is recognizable, but not required to be up lit, or overly bright. The resolution is that lighting will be as minimum as possible and allow for some modification to accommodate local concerns.
 - c. Horn Blowing was mentioned as a possible concern near the site, and the RFC will discuss any possible solutions with the State of NH.

Following discussion on these issues, a vote was take to approve the MOU and begin development of the Memorial Site for the Summer of 2020. The MOU will now be reviewed by the American Legion, at their next Executive Committee meeting and get back to David Willcox with any comments.

- III. There was discussion about a bench for the site honoring all the first responders and safety officials that were involved in providing aid, following the accident. This will be a donation by the Randolph Fire Department. Since a bench was a consideration from the beginning of this project, this is an acceptable recommendation. The Fire Department will coordinate efforts for the bench with the American Legion, as the Activities Coordinator for the Memorial.

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- IV. Invoices for the month included:
 - a. LandVest for \$2,435.00 for August activities.
 - b. Randolph Mountain Club for \$266.22 to cover trail work on the Interpretive Trail, Crystal Mine Trail and Rollo Falls Trail.

- V. LandVest was present to discuss some changes to the 2B & Not 2B timber cut. There was extensive damage to the foliage caused by the Forest Tent Caterpillar. Given this damage, LandVest is recommending modifying the cut, to include an additional 500 acres to the original 600 acre cut. This project is being considered an understory release cut, by taking out the dead over story, which will help to reestablish Sugar Maple, Beech and Ash.

- VI. LandVest reported that most all the culvert work on the Pond of Safety Road is complete, and the entire project should be done in 10 days.

- VII. At the November meeting, there will be Amendments to the Stewardship Plan and Amendments to the Ordinance to accommodate changes, such as the Memorial Site and modified forest cuts.

- VIII. For a point of interest, the Randolph Ramble is being run again in 2019 on the Randolph Community Forest.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.