

Randolph Forest Commission Minutes

Date: January 7, 2015
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza – Chairman, Walter Graff, Mark Kelley, Doug Mayer, Jeff Parker
Others Present: George Brown, Edith Tucker, David Willcox

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

- I. Minutes of the December 2014 meeting were read and approved.
- II. York Land Services sent in an estimate to re-establish some of the boundary lines of the Community Forest for \$2,800. The estimate was reviewed and approved to be done at their earliest convenience.
- III. Invoices:
 - a. Legal Services paid by the Town of Randolph on behalf of the Community Forest to Gardner, Fulton & Waugh for \$630.00 will come from the Town Forest revolving fund.
 - b. Walter Wintturi for work on the Stewardship Plan, Timber Sale Administration and the annual Forest Tour \$1,203.75
 - c. Irene G. Garvey of Abenaki Environment for work on the Interpretive Trail Guide of \$750, which is the first installment of a \$1500 total bill.
 - d. Alison B Taylor Design for updates to the Randolph Forest website \$100
 - e. Society for the Protection of NH Forests annual dues of \$50
- IV. The RFP for a new Town Forester was approved and will be sent to the Coos County Extension Office to be sent out to their network of Foresters.
- V. George Brown of the Randolph Mountain Club, came with a proposal to build a primitive camp site on the Underhill Path on the Pond of Safety side near a good water source. The idea would be to build a simple moldering privy at the site along with a tent platform. If the RFC approved the idea, then George would propose this concept at the next

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meeting of the Randolph Mountain Club. The original Stewardship Plan allowed for such primitive sites, and approved the proposal. Further discussions will be needed once the Randolph Mountain Clubs approves the project on their end.

- VI. John Scarinza reported that the Data Base of information compiled by Wildlife to Watershed as well as Walt Wintturi over the past 11 years has been put on a hard drive and will be delivered to the RFC on Thursday, January 8, 2015 for safe keeping. A future meeting may possibly be arranged to review the data on the hard drive and see how this information could be used.
- VII. Doug Mayer brought forward a suggestion from a local resident to see about the feasibility of a trail running fun race on the Community Forest. The field would be limited to a specific number of entrants, and the responsibility would be up to the organizers of the race. The RCF would simply allow the use of the property. The proposal was warmly received by the RFC, and suggested that Doug have those residents flush out the details and come to a future meeting with more details.
- VIII. Edith Tucker suggested that in preparation for the Town Meeting, a revision of the map of the Community Forest be made with the changes and addition since the original plan was prepared. John Scarinza said he would contact York Land Service to explore how difficult it would be to develop this map.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday February 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.