

MINUTES

The Randolph Forest Commission

July 2, 2014

Members Present: Mark Kelley, Doug Mayer, Walter Graff

Alternates Present: David Willcox

Mark, serving as chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He asked if everyone had read the minutes from the last meeting. All had. Doug moved that they be adopted as written. Walter seconded the motion and it was passed.

Mark then reported that the parking lot at the top of Randolph Hill Road had been finished. Because of the composition of the soil at the work site, it had been found necessary to haul in extra gravel. The additional cost which this entails will be reflected on Mike Kelley's final bill.

Mark also said that he thinks it will be possible to construct a kiosk for the new trailhead before the Annual Forest Day event, which will showcase the facility. He has taken measurements of the existing kiosk at the parking lot on the Pond of Safety Road and will model the new one upon it. It will not, however, be possible by that date to post all of the signs that will be eventually be placed in the kiosk.

Doug reported on the work of constructing an interpretive trail, which will lead out of the new parking lot. He has had to replace the person responsible for designing it. He put before the Commission a proposal from Grace Garvey to undertake the design of the trail and of an explanatory booklet to go along with it. The proposed cost of the work will not exceed \$1,500 (60 hours at \$25.00 per hour.) Doug noted that Grace has worked with The Trust for Public Land and also for the Randolph Mountain Club. After discussion, the Commission decided not to include photographs in the booklet, but to stick with line drawings. Grace has a friend and partner who reportedly does excellent drawings. Walter made a motion that Grace's proposal (modified to drop the reference to photographs) be adopted. Doug seconded the motion and it passed.

The Commission then discussed the Annual Forest Day. It decided that there were some matters which would need to be dealt with in August. So, breaking with tradition, it decided to schedule an official meeting on that day, starting at 8:30 am, before the main event. David will post a notice to the effect that the Commission will meet at that time and that it will consider the subsequent discussion in the

Town Hall to be a public hearing for purposes of discussion Martha Cummings' report on the historical value of the Levi Lowe (or Farrar) house.

The Commission approved the following invoices received during the last month:

From Seven Oaks Consulting - \$487.50

This represented the cost of hiring Carl Demarow to lay out a trail from the Farrar Farm to the Crystal Mine.

From Brian Campbell - \$675.00

This represents the cost of Brian's on-going work marking the boundaries of the Community Forest.

From White Mountain Lumber - \$420

This represents the cost of trucking and maintenance on the Pond of Safety Road.

From Kel-log Trucking - \$25,207

This represents partial payment of the cost of constructing the new parking lot.

From Pike Industries - \$107.50

This represents the cost of gravel needed for patching the Pond of Safety Road.

The Commission members also signed a memorandum to the Randolph Board of Selectmen authorizing the return to Forrest Hicks of the \$2000 deposit that he had posted at the time of signing the contract for the recent Ledge Timber sale.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Willcox
Acting Secretary