

Randolph Forest Commission Minutes

Date: June 7, 2017
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza – Chairman, Walter Graff, Mark Kelley, and Jeff Parker
Others Present: Dwight Bradley, Laura Brockett, Michelle Cormier, Dave DeGruttola, Dave Salisbury, David Willcox

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM, and appointed David Willcox in place of Doug Mayer

- I. Minutes from the May 2017 meeting were reviewed and were approved.
- II. Invoices were presented for approval:
 - a. LandVest for inspection and review of the back country ski area, potential timber sales and review hiking trails are on maps. \$ 340
 - b. LandVest Farrar track map, review of maple tapping area during maple season
- III. David Fuller presented a brief written report with an update of the first year's progress. He has 3 - 6000 gallon storage tanks, for a total storage of 18,000 gallons of sap. His reverse osmosis machine was large enough to easily keep up with the processing now, and into the future, as more taps are installed. 13,922 taps were installed this first year, which started running February 22, and the season finished April 15th. With the price of the tap at \$1.00, Fuller Sugarhouse submitted a check to the RCF for \$13,922.00.
- IV. David DeGruttola made a brief report on possible timber harvests. He also mentioned that he has been working on updating the Community Forest Map, with overlays for previous forest operations, new boundaries, hiking trails, soils, and roads. Each of these overlays can be turned on or off, to provide a printed map to the RCF's requirements. A draft of the map will be made
- V. The annual joint management meeting between the RCF, USFS and DRED was held at the residence of Dodie and David Willcox, who provided lunch and then went out to survey the Pond of Safety Road, for

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the maintenance of which is RFC and USFC are jointly responsible. The RFC was represented by John Scarinza, David Willcox and David DeGruttola, who is the RCF Forester. The USFS was represented by Tom Wagner, Forest Supervisor for the WMNF and Jen Barnhart, District Ranger for the Androscoggin Ranger District of the WMNF. DRED was represented by Maggie Machinist.

- VI. Dwight Bradley is on the Randolph Mountain Club Trails Committee and will begin attending monthly meetings as the contact person for the RCF Recreation Managers. He will be working with John Scarinza and discussing the installation of the new road signs that were prepared for the RCF.
- VII. Dave Salisbury came with a report on the possible improvements to the Rollo Falls Trail. The first 250' from the power lines would remain along the existing road bed, but some drainage improvements are needed. Above that area, the next 100' would be reconstructed and partially re-routed, to make the trail easier to access. John Scarinza and Dave Salisbury will revisit the site to see if the use of some light excavator equipment may improve the project, prior to approving the final budget numbers.
- VIII. The Activity Manager agreement between the Town of Randolph and the Granite Backcountry Alliance has been signed by GBA and placed before the Randolph Planning Board, which will hold a hearing on it in July. There may be a need to have an amendment to the Stewardship Plan authorizing this activity. DRED is now looking into the question. On the chance that DRED will ask for such an amendment, one has been prepared and has also been placed before the Planning Board. If DRED says that it is necessary, the Planning Board can approve the amendment in July, as well. It can then be formally submitted to DRED and, pending its approval, there is no reason that preparatory work to prepare the Glade for backcountry skiing in the winter cannot go forward.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.