

Randolph Forest Commission

Minutes

Date: May 6, 2015
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza – Chairman, Mark Kelley, Doug Mayer, and the Chairman appointed David Willcox to sit in for Walter Graf
Others Present: Michelle Cormier, Robert Potter

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

- I. Minutes of the April 2015 meeting were read and approved.
- II. Doug Mayer presented a bill for \$45.99 for the High Index Powder being used on the new road signs, currently being made by George Brown. This powder is used to help increase the reflectiveness of the paint.
- III. Doug Mayer brought in a map, recently completed by John Hall, GIS and Map maker, through contacts as UNH, the RMC, NH DOT, and other sources of details. What was missing is the original GIS file of the RCF from the original maps and plan. Other resources will be employed to find the original map files to help in developing this process further. In the meantime, it was approved to have John Hall submit a bill for time, and further work will be tabled until the fall.
- IV. A check for \$150,000 was received from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for a Grant for Habitant Management on the Randolph Community Forest, which were deposited in the RCF Grants and Gifts Account. These funds are to be use for management of wildlife habitant on the RCF in accordance to the guidelines expressed in the Grant 96040 letter of April 15, 2015. The basic concept behind this grant is to extend the good work of the WHIP funds, which no longer are available.
- V. Bob Potter, who donated the money to acquire the Rollo Falls property as part of the RCF, was in attendance to express his interests in seeing how the 72 acres of land would be managed. Many of the points he mentioned fell within the normal management practices of the RCF. To follow up on this topic, there will be a field trip to Rollo Falls at 4 PM on June 3, meeting at the Randolph Town Hall and carpooling to the site.

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- VI. RCF Annual Tour of the Forest will be held the first Saturday in August (August 1, 2015). A suggestion for the tour, in celebration of the 10 years since inception, would be to take a ride up the Pond of Safety Road, stopping at various wildlife openings. These were created using WHIP grants, which has since expired. John Scarinza will reach out to a few sources for suggested speakers for the event.
- VII. Doug Mayer updated the board about the Interpretive Trail beginning at the parking area at the end of Randolph Hill Road. There will be an informal meeting on Sunday, May 10 at 4 PM at the site to review the current conditions, and what work should be planned in the near future.
- VIII. Easements along the Israel River Watershed need to be finalized in the near future. Two methods to establish the easements are to use the NRCS or work with the Town of Randolph. As these details are worked out, final decisions can be made.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday June 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.