

# Randolph Forest Commission

## Minutes

**Date:** September 4, 2013  
**Location:** Randolph Town Hall  
**Members Present:** John Scarinza – Chair, Jeff Parker, Mark Kelley  
**Others Present:** David Willcox, Ben Eisenberg, Elise Lawson, John Severance, Walter Wintturi

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

- I. Minutes of the July 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved
- II. The Forest Management Team of Elise Lawson, John Severance and Walter Wintturi presented a draft outline for the update to the 2003 Stewardship Plan, which was presented as a working document for board review and comment. This outline included a list of accomplishments over the past 10 years. It was suggested to include the additions of Farrar, Carpenter, trailhead, Durnbach and small town parcel abutting the Farrar property since the original plan was adopted. The outline also included a look forward at the next 10 years. Two categories of activities will be the "wish list," and the "Action Plan." Some suggested additions to the Action Plan include: the development of a sledding hill in the area of "the scar"; a memory tree grove near the parking lot on Randolph Hill, which would allow people to donate toward the planting of trees; replacement of some existing large culvert pipes with bridges (either permanent or temporary); creation of new timber sales and permanent wildlife openings; prescribed burn areas for wildlife openings; maintain existing wildlife openings, transects, and boundaries lines; moving the gate at Bowman to get cars safely off Route 2 and creating better parking; interpretive trail at the end of Randolph Hill Road, building a parking area and turnaround at the end of Randolph Hill Road; identify the Crystal Mine as a protected area; development of an initial bird survey; update the forest map to include the new additions; adding the five new parcels to the existing easement; release the apple trees on the Farrar parcel; improving the trail to the Crystal Mine; Study the Israel River

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watershed area to encourage fish health; Evaluate the condition of the bridge on the "North-South" road for repair or removal. A formal introduction of the Stewardship Plan from the commission, will be included with the final revisions. The Management team will get the final draft back to the commission by email before the October meeting for review and approval. The final plan will be presented at the November meeting, forwarded to the Conservation Commission. Upon their approval, it will be sent to NH DRED before the December deadline.

- III. A brief review of the 2014 budget took place to lay the groundwork for approval at the the October meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday October 2, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.