

## **DRAFT**

### **The Randolph Forest Commission**

#### **Special Meeting**

**April 11, 2014**

**Members Present:** John Scarinza, Jeff Parker, Mark Kelley

**Alternates present:** David Willcox

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:04 and asked David to sit for Doug Mayer.

He noted that the purpose of the meeting was to review the bids received earlier in the day from contractors who wanted to undertake the work of constructing the new parking lot at the top of Randolph Hill Road.

Two bids have been received: one from Kel-log Inc. of Milan in the amount of \$35,207; the other from A.B Logging, Inc. of Lancaster in the amount of \$44,617.40. The Kel-log bid did say that the quoted cost did not include chipping. Since the Commission will probably want to chip the wood removed from the site and dispose of it on site, it would be necessary to add around \$1000 to the Kel-log estimate.

Mark Kelley said that he would take no part in the discussion because Mike Kelley, the owner of Kel-log Inc. is his cousin.

Both bidders were given the same information. Both are companies with which the Commission has worked in the past. Both are reliable. Therefore, Commission members agreed to accept the lower bid which, even with the added cost of chipping, was that of Kel-log, Inc. Jeff made a motion to that effect. David seconded it and it passed.

An additional reason to opt for Kel-log is the fact that its business is largely logging, while A.B Logging, Inc. is involved in a wide range of construction

activities in many parts of the state. This is mud season, when logging work comes to an end. Kel-log Inc. should be free to start as soon as the ground is workable.

The scoping report was just received from the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) Androscoggin Ranger District office for the proposed access improvement to the Pond of Safety. David will draft a response in support of the proposal on behalf of the Commission.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed by general consent at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Willcox

Acting Secretary

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