

# Randolph Forest Commission

## Minutes

**Date:** May 1, 2013  
**Location:** Randolph Town Hall  
**Members Present:** John Scarinza – Chair, Doug Mayer, Mark Kelley  
**Others Present:** David Willcox, Ben Eisenberg

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

- I. Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and approved
- II. Nicky Pizzo, a consultant discussed the possibilities of an interpretive trail for the Randolph Community Forest. She and two members of the Forest Commission walk an area of the RCF on Randolph Hill on November 26th with the idea of creating approximate 1 mile for a nature walk loop. Nicky outlined a number of items that could be developed into 8 to 10 stops along the trail. These topics could include wildlife in the forest, forest management practices, wildlife transects, cultural and historical features and seasonal aspects among other things. Doug and Nicky will mark the area that was cruised in the Fall with flagging tape. This will allow them to highlight the specific 8 to 10 areas where small numbered posts would coordinate with markers in a small brochure. Doug will report back to the Committee at the June meeting.
- III. Doug took the Committee through the newly finished web page. ([www.randolphforest.org](http://www.randolphforest.org)) Discussion centered on how new materials would be added to the website, potential articles and other content. As the site develops, slide shows and videos will be easily added along with items from the RCF forester and wildlife specialists.
- IV. John Scarinza met with Walt Wintturi, the RCF forester, to discuss a potential site for the Annual Forest Tour in August. A few sites to be forested have been laid out for future cuts and may offer a new twist by showing a area before it is harvested. This will allow Walt to demonstrate why cutting is needed in this particular area. One specific location lends itself to a short visit to a nearby wildlife opening and a

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recently cut area. This tour will begin at the Town Hall with a discussion of 2012 activities by the RCF team.

- V. Dave Willcox brought up the topic of Alternates for the board. Current bylaws do not allow for such designated members. This would have to be added to the Land Use Ordinance and voted on at the annual meeting. By having Alternates, it allows for two people to begin to understand the various dimensions of serving on the committee and be available to serve at meetings when a member is absent. Dave will draft a document for approval by the Conservation Commission and submit it to the town for the 2014 Town Meeting.
- VI. David Willcox mentioned that Alan Lowe had asked if a “knob” in the RCF, which currently has no name, could be named after the Lowe family. This was taken under advisement for future discussion.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:18 PM

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