

THE RANDOLPH FOREST COMMISSION DECEMBER 2, 2015

Members Present: Mark Kelley, Doug Mayer and Jeff Parker **Alternates**

Present: David Willcox

Others Present: Michele Cormier

Mark Kelley took the chair. He asked David to sit in for John Scarinza.

The first order of business was consideration of the minutes for the November meeting. Those minutes were approved. The November meeting had approved payment of \$627 as a PILT to the town of Jefferson, but the payment instruction had been only signed by two members, instead of the three required. That problem was rectified.

Doug presented the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Randolph Mountain Club (RMC) for the construction and maintenance of “designated trails” on the Randolph Community Forest (RCF.) These are trails that have been, or will in the future be, designated by the Randolph Forest Commission (RFC) as important to the uses of the Forest which the RFC wishes to promote. The draft MOU has attached, as Addendum I, a list of three trails currently so designated.

There was some discussion of the language of the draft MOU. It was decided to add a provision which states that the parties (the RMC and the RFC) mutually agree that the RFC will appoint an agent to oversee the work on the designated trails and to report monthly, in person or in writing, to the RFC with regard to the progress being made towards completion of the agreed upon tasks. The Commission then approved the language of the draft MOU and Doug will send it to the RMC for its consideration, and suggested language changes, if any. Once language acceptable to both parties has been settled, the RFC will refer the draft MOU to the Planning Board for its consideration and approval.

Doug then handed around copies of the printed Guide to the Interpretative Trail, recently completed at the Randolph Hill trailhead. There was some discussion about how to make the guides available to those using the trail, while at the same time protecting them from the weather. Michele suggested that a sign be attached asking people to recycle the guides (i.e. put them back after using) so that they might not have to be reproduced frequently.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by general consent at 7:23 pm

Posted at Town Hall on December 3, 2015

Respectfully Submitted

David L. Willcox Acting Secretary