

THE RANDOLPH FOREST COMMISSION
JANUARY 6, 2016

Members Present: John Scarinza and Doug Mayer

Alternates Present: David Willcox

Others Present: Michele Cormier and David Salisbury

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. The Commission approved the minutes of the December meeting.

The Commission then approved, and signed, the following invoices:

To Jeff Parker \$137.50 for mowing the wildlife opening adjacent to the parking lot at the top of the Randolph Hill Road

To the Town of Randolph \$5000 as PILT

To the Town of Randolph \$90 to rectify a billing error involving legal services

To Smith and Town Printers \$318.00 for printing the Interpretive Trail Guide

Doug presented the Commission with the Agreement between the RCF and the RMC and said that it had been approved by the RMC at its latest meeting. Because this is a contract with a term of more than one year it will need Planning Board approval. David said that he would give it to members of the Planning Board and would set it down for a public hearing at the Board's February meeting.

The Agreement calls for the appointment by the RFC of an agent to oversee the work done by the RMC on "designated trails," and to report to the Commission once a month on progress. The RFC has asked Dave Salisbury to act as its agent and there was a brief discussion with him about what that job would entail. It was agreed that in May or June John, Doug and Dave would take a look at the Crystal Mine trail, which would be the first of the designated trails to be worked on under this

agreement. They would review the work needing to be done and look at the proposed route for the trail to make sure that it would not interfere with the commercial maple tapping activity projected to start next year.

David noted that Katie Stuart, Androscoggin District Ranger for the US Forest Service, had recently retired. She was a strong proponent of the cooperative agreements between the Forest Service and the Town and had made sure that the Pond of Safety Access Improvement project was completed before she stepped down. David suggested that the RFC should show its appreciation in some way that would not only recognize her efforts but would also send a signal to the Forest Service that the Town of Randolph appreciated its cooperation.

It was decided to present Katie with a painted and engraved circular saw blade like the ones presented to the Boothman sisters for their help in making possible the completion of the parking lot at the top of Randolph Hill Road.

There was some discussion about the possibility of changing the RFC's fiscal year so that it would coincide with that of the Town. The issue will be further explored.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by general consent at 8:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted

David L. Willcox
Acting Secretary

Posted at Town Hall on January 11, 2016