

Randolph Forest Commission

March 2, 2022

Members Present: John Scarinza, Walter Graff, Laura Brockett

Alternates Present: David Willcox

Others Present: David Degruttola (LandVest) and Bill Arnold

The chairman opened the meeting by appointing David Willcox to sit for Jeff Parker. He then asked for a motion on the minutes from the February meeting. The minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

There were two invoices to consider:

1. From LandVest for \$668.20 covering timber sale administration (inspection of the Farrar Farm timber sale) and wildlife habitat management (seeding along the Pond of Safety Road)

2. From DrummondWoodsum for \$21.32 for legal services connected with the Berry land donation.

There were two checks received from LandVest Timber Co. representing receipts from the Farrar Farm timber sales: One in the amount of \$2435.76 (mainly hardwood pulp) and the other in the amount of \$10,944.89 (mainly hardwood logs.)

Bill Arnold initiated a discussion of the growing problem of parking at the Randolph Hill parking lot during weekend with

abundant snow cover. There are two problems: crowding and speed. The Granite Backcountry Alliance (GBA) which promotes and manages glade skiing on the site, is aware of the situation, and will provide signs instructing drivers to and from the site to slow down. It has also sent letters to the guide companies which use the site for avalanche training to stop doing so for the remainder of the year.

GBA will also provide the Commission with a list of those companies and we will write a letter to tell them that in future they need to get a special use permit from the Commission to hold their avalanche training on the Community Forest.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion about the four permanent bridges that were to be installed on the Pond of Safety road. David Degruttola has researched the cost of the bridges with and without installation and presented those estimates to the Commission. That cost will be met by the NRCS grant which has been received (through the Randolph Foundation) but will leave only a small additional amount for further work and the Commission may need to dip into existing funds in its budget designated for wildlife habitat activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by common consent at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Willcox