

Randolph Forest Commission

Minutes

Date: December 5, 2012
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza – Chair, Ben Eisenberg, Doug Mayer, Mark Kelley
Others Present: David Willcox

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

- I. Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and approved
- II. David Willcox presented a draft of an amendment for the Randolph Town Forest Ordinance to address recent issues with large quantities of crystals being removed from the Crystal Mine. Section 9.09 was written and includes suggestions from Dave Tillman of the local Gem Society. This amendment will be reviewed and voted by secret ballot during the March 2013 Town Meeting. John Scarinza suggested something be added that addresses any cutting of trees and the condition in which the site is to be left after exploring. Some discussion also surrounded the proper way to expect visitors to register while working at the site. These revisions will be made and submitted to the Town of Randolph for the meeting.
- III. A bill for Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the Town of Jefferson was presented for signatures to arrange payment.
- IV. Niki Pizzo, a trails designer had taken a walk with Doug Mayer and Mark Kelley November 26th to discuss opportunities for a self-guided nature walk. An approximate one mile loop was mapped for further discussion at the January 2 meeting, which Niki will be available to attend.
- V. Doug Mayer suggested the Commission consider a Blog be prepared for the Randolph Town Forest to get information out to the public about activities, new developments and changes. After some discussions about

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the benefits, Doug agreed to do some research on different vehicles available to accomplish this, and report at a future meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday January 2, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.