

Randolph Forest Commission Minutes

Date: December 3, 2014
Location: Randolph Town Hall
Members Present: John Scarinza – Chairman, Walter Graff, Mark Kelley, David Willcox, Alternate Member
Others Present: Michelle Cormier, Larry Colter, George Colter

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

- I. John Scarinza appointed David Willcox to sit and participate as a member of the RFC since Jeff Parker and Doug Mayer were absent.
- II. Minutes of the November 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- III. Larry and George Colter attended the meeting to request approval to trap game on the RFC in both Randolph and Jefferson. The animals of interest are Beaver, Coyotes and Fisher. The only concern that the Commission voiced was that Pine Martens need to be avoided in the process. Given this concern, the RFC gave the Colter's approval to set up their traps on the Community Forest. The Commission also asked that the Colter report back at the end of the season with their results.
- IV. Walt Wintturi presented a draft for an amendment to the Stewardship Plan to allow sugar maple harvesting in Compartments 3A and 3B, which were previously designated for timber sales. The commission reviewed the draft, made some modification and approved it to present to the Planning Board for approval. Once that is approved, it will be sent to DRED for final approval and included in the final plan.
- V. Doug Mayer sent in a proposal for a new hiking trail work on the RCF.
 - a. A new Crystal Mine trail, which starts at the Farrar Farm, with a proposed budget would be \$6,306.
 - b. Improvements to the Interpretive Trail, which leaves from the Mt. Crescent Trailhead for \$716.
 - c. Improvements to the new Mt Crescent Trailhead to move some rocks and other obstacles to make the realized trails more accessible. This has a budget of \$2,300.

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Action: The Commission approved Doug's proposals and included the estimated costs in the budget.

- VI. Doug Mayer also sent a few items for further discussion, which the board table for further discussion when Doug was in attendance and able to review in more detail.
- VII. Master Road Agreement with the National Forest has run out, and a new, five year agreement was sent for review and approval. The draft was reviewed and approved by the RFC, signed by the Chairman, and forwarded to the Planning Board for their approval at the January 8, 2015 meeting.
- VIII. Invoices:
 - a. Randolph Mountain Club for work on the Mt Crescent Trailhead \$1,841.33
 - b. Payment in lieu of taxes for the Town of Jefferson of \$627.00 for those parcels of the Randolph Community Forest that are in Jefferson.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. The next meeting will be held Wednesday January 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.