Randolph Forest Commission Draft Minutes

Date: July 5, 2017

Location: Randolph Town Hall

Members Present: John Scarinza – Chairman, Mark Kelley,

Others Present: Michelle Cormier, Dave DeGruttola, David Willcox

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and appointed David Willcox in place of Doug Mayer

- I. Minutes from the June 2017 meeting were reviewed and were approved.
- II. Invoices were presented for approval:
 - a. LandVest, Inc. \$450.36 for consulting, timber sale research, and Back Country Ski Agreement
 - b. White Mountain Lumber \$19.76 RCF Trail Sign material
- III. David Willcox mentioned that he will submit a press release to the Randolph Weekly about the Annual Forest Tour for August.
- IV. John Scarinza discussed the installation of the Road Signs and Rollo Falls project with Bob Drescher. He said if the work isn't complete this fall, it would be the first priority for the Spring of 2018.
- V. David DeGruttola reported that the Forest Tent Caterpillars damage appears to be making its way into the Randolph Town Forest to a significant level. In the process of marking buffer zones along the maple sugar orchard and onto the Crystal Mine Trail, their presence was noted. It's a natural insect with a three year cycle, and will continue until it's natural predator catches up. At this point, David DeGruttola suggested we have the NH Entomologists look at the RCF for recommendations. He expected to be in the area in the next few weeks.
- VI. David DeGruttola also presented an update on the mapping project of the RCF, which he has been working on. Using the existing GIS data, he has pulled overlays for Roads and Forest Types, Recreation, Cutting Histories/Wildlife Openings, and Soils maps, which will be 44" x 24" and framed for public viewing. David Willcox suggested there be another map with Tax Map information as it relates to the RFC

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boundaries. David DeGruttola will bring revised drafts to the Annual Forest Day meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM. There will be no August meeting, since the Annual Forest Day is Saturday, August 5th. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.