

DRAFT

THE RANDOLPH FOREST COMMISSION

March 5, 2014

Members Present: John Scarinza, Jeff Parker, Doug Mayer and Walter Graff

Others Present: David Willcox

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:15 pm. He asked if everyone was happy with the minutes from the last meeting. All were. The minutes were adopted as written.

John then noted that the Ledge timber sale had just been completed. Although all of the proceeds were not yet in, it looked as if they would not measure up to initial expectations. Nevertheless, they left the Commission with a comfortable balance in its treasury.

The Commission then turned to the business of approving invoices. It approved January and February invoices for Walt Wintturi for the Ledge timber sale administration. It approved an invoice from White Mountain Lumber for materials needed to repair the bridge on the Pond of Safety Road. It approved an invoice from Matthew Moore for the new parking lot design and one from Alison Taylor for updating the Commission's web site. Finally, it approved a \$5000 payment in lieu of taxes to the Town of Randolph.

John noted that the parking lot design has taken three years, but that it had now been delivered to the Commission and hopefully the work on construction could be finished by the end of June. The Commission went over the design and discussed its details.

It was suggested that the annual Forest Tour this year might start at the new parking lot, so as to show it off to the Town. Doug said that he has been in touch with Nikki Pizzo and hopes that she will be able to complete work on the interpretive trail that will start from the new parking lot, so that, too, could be showcased during the annual tour.

David noted that he has been told by Katie Stuart (District Ranger for the Androscoggin Ranger district of the WMNF) that she hopes to have a plan soon for the Pond of Safety access and shoreline stabilization work. The USFS is seeking outside funding and, if it is successful, it would engage the Randolph Mountain Club to do the work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

David Willcox
Acting Secretary

Posted at Town Hall March 10, 2014