Randolph Forest Commission Minutes

Date: March 7, 2018 **Location:** Randolph Town Hall

Members Present: John Scarinza – Chairman, Laura Brockett, Jeff Parker, Mark

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Alternate Members: David Willcox

Others Present: Ron Ouellette, Michelle Cormier

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and appointed David Willcox to sit as an alternate for Walter Graff.

I. Minutes from the January 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

- II. Invoices, which were presented for approval:
 - a. LandVest, Inc. **\$2624.32** for Dave DeGruttola hours and milage in December including public meetings, marking timber sale, and timber sale related meetings. This invoice also included time for and additional employee to mark the timber stand
 - b. LandVest, Inc. **\$5677.21** for Dave DeGruttola hours and milage in January, which included time and travel for marking first sale, attending RFC January meeting, Marking 2B and not 2B, meeting with F&G for RCF.
 - c. Society for the Protection of NH Forest Annual Membership \$ 55.00.
 - d. American Forest Foundation **\$205.58** for Tree Farm Certification Program Annual Fees.
 - e. UNH **\$ 393.61** for Dirt-Trees-Wildlife (DTW) which the RCF sponsors through a grant created for this project.
- III. Ron Ouellette representing Trout Unlimited came in to review some work on the Israel River Fish Passage Study. There was some discussion about replacing a culvert on the RCF, which has deteriorated. A water flow study will be done to confirm the current culvert size is adequate. Once that information is known, he will report back to the RFC to get the next steps started. Due to wet Spring conditions, this project may not begin until late May or early June.
- IV. Jeff Parker was asked by Jeremiah Hawkins to give a brief report about the backcountry skiing project. The area has become popular with BC skiers. The RFC was pleased to see the interest, but expressed their concern that activities be kept in check for the next few years.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.