# Randolph Forest Commission
# Minutes

**Date:** April 3, 2013
**Location:** Randolph Town Hall
**Members Present:** John Scarinza – Chair, Walter Graff, Jeff Parker, Mark Kelley
**Others Present:** David Willcox

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

I. Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved

II. The committee reviewed invoices for approval from Walt Wintturi and White Mountain Lumber.

III. The committee turned it attention to the 2013 Annual Forest Tour . The date will be August 3, which is the first weekend in August. The initial suggestion was to consider a visit to the Crystal Mine, since a number of changes have taken place since an earlier tour. A tour of areas that have not been cut, but are on the designated for cutting in the near future, may be an interesting topic. A possible suggestion for the first portion of the day may be a discussion of the Stewardship Plan, since it is being revised as part of the 10 year cycle. Review of the new [www.randolphforest.org](www.randolphforest.org) may be worth presenting at the Town Hall. John Scarinza will discuss other possible topics with the forest team to be considered at the May meeting.

IV. Jeff Parker asked that the committee raise the topic of possible controlled burns on the RCF with Walt Wintturi. Something along the size of a small field or two could be used as an experiment. Working with the local Forest Warden and Division of Forest and Lands, a possible training session could be arranged. The benefits of a controlled burn can help maintain open areas, create grassy areas, blueberry patches, and release certain species of trees. John Scarinza will raise this issue with Walt Wintturi. Jeff will ask John Accardi, who has extensive experience in controlled burns for a discussion at a future meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:53 PM

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The next meeting will be held Wednesday May 1, at 7:00 PM in the Randolph Town Hall.