

Randolph Conservation Commission
February 15, 2011

Present

Gerry Reymore, Gus Howe Johnson, Dave Crosby, Dan Koloski, Jenn Guarino.

Minutes

Minutes of the December 2010 meeting were accepted as read. Moved DK, seconded GR, motion accepted.

Treasurer's report

No treasurer's report is available at this time.

The question still stands as to details regarding the FY 2011 expenses totaling \$3115.80 and what these expenses were for. RCC members requested additional details on the RCC expense report. Warren will contact the town office with these questions.

NRCD

The grant request from 23 September 2010 will be passed on to the selectboard on the appropriate application form with RCC recommendation to approve the request for \$1050 for the Randolph Youth Enrichment Stewardship Program. Suzanne Enser and Mike Bald from WRNRCD have been invited to attend the next RCC meeting to explain their project in more detail as well as discuss ideas for additional future projects and how they could correspond with the needs of the town.

Town Forest

DK suggested that if we can get a solid inventory of all town land with trees on it (which is included as part of the Stewardship program proposal) we could use the information to benefit the town. In particular, if we learn more about the process for designating – or nominating – town forest land to be official “Town Forest Parcels” we could, with the information from the inventory, potentially nominate additional parcels of land as Town Forests. Jenn will contact Dave Paginelli to see if he has additional information about town forest designation or criteria. Gerry passed out copies of the plans for the three town forests.

Town Forest Signage

Gerry reminded that two town kiosk information signs have been installed at S. Pleasant Street and Ellis Property. Gerry has previously requested RCC reimburse the school for the cost of completing the kiosks for \$216.40 (RCC approved request – noted in the Dec 2010 minutes). A copy of this bill has been submitted to the selectboard.

Dave is working on putting together the information to go on the town kiosks. He also has emailed Gary Champy about putting sheet plastic or Plexiglas on the information portion of the sign, and has been told that the town will install the material on the information signs.

Board members discussed the possibility of locating good trail maps, possibly enlargements of aerial photos with trail markers.

Gerry will put together a proposal for the construction of two more information kiosks for Rabbit Track and Sayward Forest, estimating materials, with labor donated.

Gerry will contact Pete Fellows of the Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission GIS to enquire if they can put together some information (photos, maps, etc) for the kiosks.

Membership

Vacancies will be reported to the selectboard. One vacancy will be reported at this time (Lynn McNamara). Warren expressed interest in not continuing when his current term expires (2011). Anyone interested should write a letter to the Randolph selectboard expressing their interest.

Agenda

RCC members thanked Dan for emailing us copies of the agenda when he emailed it to Cindy.

Trail Maintenance

Gerry took a student crew the week of January 3 to clear trails or clean up leaning trees in the South Pleasant street area. Thank you to Gerry's students!

Forest Thinning Maintenance

Gerry has requested that Dave Paginelli put together a possible plan and estimate for our consideration so that we may make a recommendation to the selectboard regarding forest thinning at the Tatro Hill property. This property was scheduled for thinning management a few years ago but it was not completed at that time because the price for board feet made the project not cost worthy. Dave has reported that red pine is currently worth \$150 per 1000 board feet and this might be a good time to look at the Tatro Hill property for possible thinning.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting will be March 15, 2011 at 6pm.

** Note that the next regular business meeting of the RCC is normally the 3rd Tuesday of each month.