

DRAFT (until voted at the next meeting)
Randolph Conservation Commission 11.18.14

Present: Sid McLam, Gus Howe Johnson, Erica Young, Jenn Colby, and Emily Miller from White River Partnership.

Meeting came to order at 6:05pm.

Minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting were distributed and reviewed. No changes were suggested.

Treasurer's Report

No report available.

White River Partnership

Emily Miller, WRP monitoring coordinator, is facilitating monitoring water quality on the White River tributaries, particularly the Second Branch (the Randolph/ Royalton/Brookfield area, but the bulk is Randolph) because its levels more often exceed quality standards. Emily updated us about the current conditions, after testing. There are four tributaries that will be looked at more closely because the results of testing warrant further study. A draft report of the test results is being prepared.

Tree Pest Update

An ash tree inventory training was conducted on November 15. Ten volunteers were trained to observe and record ash trees along 10% of the 90 miles of town highways in Randolph. The volunteers plan to do a few more sites to add to the data. Two Rivers Ottaquechee were helpful with supplying maps.

Ellis property

Several efforts have been made to contact members of the Ellis property to discuss with them the ideas to graze sheep on the property as a property management option. These efforts have so far been unsuccessful. Jenn Colby discussed the pros and cons of this type of grass and invasive management. If approved, a solar fencer would be needed. The RCC is hoping to recommend to the selectboard that this type of idea should be considered.

Vacancy

There is an opening on the commission. If anyone is interested please encourage them to express interest to the selectboard. Thanks!

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm.

The Randolph Conservation Commission regularly meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Randolph Town Hall.

Next meeting will be 6pm on January 20, 2015.

Public is welcome to attend.

Potluck snacks will be served, please bring a dish to share!