

Randolph Conservation Commission 3.26.13

Present: Dave Crosby, Gus Howe Johnson, Gerry Reymore, Annette Higby, Brendan Barden.

Minutes from February 19, 2013, were reviewed and accepted as read. BB motioned to accept, GR second, minutes approved as read.

Conservation Fund update: \$18,101.54.

Conservation Fund Funding

Annette will talk to Mel Adams about the possibility of the RCC having a line item in the budget.

Officers and members

Brendan nominated (seconded by Annette Higby) Dave Crosby as chair of RCC for the next year. Gerry Reymore nominated (seconded by Dave Crosby) Gus Howe Johnson as secretary. Gerry Reymore nominated (seconded by Gus Howe Johnson) Brendan Barden as treasurer. There being no further nominations, Brendan made a motion to vote on the slate of officers as proposed. Annette seconded the motion. All nominees were elected as officers. Vote 5-0-0.

Sayward Harvest Proposal

Mel Adams, town manager, and the Randolph selectboard have approved for the forest management to proceed. Dave Paginelli will mark the forest as soon as he can and will supply process updates. Gerry would like his students to be included, as appropriate, in the process. The actual thinning will likely take place winter 2013-14.

Rabbit Track Info Kiosk

Two completed Kiosks are being stored at town garage in Randolph. Gerry and Dave will plan a visit to Rabbit Track forest to finalize placement location with Ferris farm.

Woodsman Competition

Annual FFA Tech Center Timber Sports Competition will be held on Wednesday May 15, 2013. Volunteers for judges and timers are needed. Anyone interested should contact Gerry.

Ellis Property

Reviewed Ellis Lot Forest Management Plan that suggests the town construct a parking area up to 2,000 square feet. Dave will look into options regarding placement and other specifics.

Gerry asked the town about the possibilities regarding a gate. This discussion should be continued when the majority of RCC members have inspected the site.

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A "please remove structure" sign was posted on behalf of the VT Land Trust on the structure that was constructed without permission at the back of the Ellis property. A removal deadline of April 30, 2013 was suggested for the sign. A request for volunteers will be posted in the Herald prior to green up day on May 4, 2013 to dismantle the structure.

Kiosk Info

The graphic arts program at RTCC will design laminated headline level signs for the four information kiosks on town properties. Plexiglass will be purchased to cover the front of the information boards.

Trail Maps

Brendan is still developing trail maps. He is collecting GPS coordinates on some town properties and other information from the Vermont Center for Geographic Information (VCGI) and is seeking quality black and white aerial photos to use with some simple maps.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 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 April 16, 2013 at Gerry's house at 4 Emerson Terrace, Randolph. We may visit the Ellis lot to look at possible parking locations, so please dress for weather and mud.

Public is welcome to attend.

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