

Randolph Conservation Commission  
May 17, 2011

### Present

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

### Minutes

Minutes of the March 2011 meeting were reviewed and corrected. GR moved to accept, JG 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

### Treasurer's report

No treasurer's report is available at this time.

Jenn volunteered to look into obtaining a treasurer's report.

### Summer Internship Program Development

The RCC recommendation to grant \$1050 to the WRNRCD for the Randolph Youth Enrichment Stewardship Program was approved by the Randolph Selectboard. However, the Lamson-Howell Foundation did NOT approve the grant request for the same program. Jenn will contact Abbey Willard about the intent of the program now that it has received grant \$ from RCC but not L-H. Jenn will also check the original grant proposal regarding the breakdown of costs. This program would include some trail maintenance work on town properties.

Jon Kaplan, representing the Randolph Recreation Committee, expressed interest in collaborating with RCC on an inventory of town trails. The goal of the recreation committee is to map town recreation trails, whereas our goals is to map town forests including the trails. There are a number of individuals interested in gathering information of this kind. Discussion included the definition of "trails", speculation on obtaining maps from Two Rivers Ottaquechee, the Upper Valley Trails Alliance "trail finder" which uses GPS to map trails, and having a meeting to gather together the various people who are interested in a project of this sort.

### Town Forest Kiosks

Gerry estimates that materials to build two more information kiosks, one for Tatro/Sayward Forest and one for Rabbit Track, will cost about \$350 each. Gerry will submit a proposal for two more signs to be constructed by RTCC students.

Jenn will enquire as to whether RTCC students were indeed reimbursed for costs associated with the construction of the first information kiosk signs.

Jenn suggested we put out a Request for Proposals to put together interpretive information for the kiosks. Proposals would be reviewed and an appropriate one chosen. At

our June meeting *we will write this request* which will be submitted to the Herald and circulated amongst area organizations who might be interested in submitting a proposal.

Gary Champy has said that the town will install plexiglass on the information signs after information has been put up.

#### Forest Brochures

Gerry reported that Pete Fellows from Two Rivers Ottauquechee can do maps of our town forests. Gerry will invite him to the next RCC meeting. These maps could be used in a variety of ways.

#### Other business

RTCC students will be working at the Ellis property under Gerry's supervision on June 9. They will be working to manage the invasive control of buckthorn as well as apple tree release. Gerry will write an invoice to submit to the WHIP grant so the town will receive funding to get the job done (as detailed in the WHIP grant).

Next meeting will be June 21, 2011 at 6pm.

#### Membership

There are an estimated three vacancies on the Randolph Conservation Commission. Anyone interested in serving on the RCC should write a letter to the Randolph selectboard expressing their interest.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

\*\* Note that the regular business meetings of the RCC are normally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.