

**Randolph Conservation Commission**  
**4/17/12**

Present: Dan Koloski, Dave Crosby, Brendan Barden, Sid McLam, Paul Putney.

Minutes from February 17, 2012, minutes were accepted as read.  
No treasurer's report to review. It was noted that there is a balance of approximately \$23,000 in the fund.

Membership

Brendan Barden and Paul Putney have been officially appointed by the select board to the RCC.

Town Forest Kiosks

Gerry's students have the materials they need to construct the two kiosks (Tatro and Rabbit Track) and expect to complete them in February to be placed in the spring. Dave has submitted a permit application for a kiosk at Rabbit Track to be located near the picnic table placed there and is waiting to hear from Mardee Sanchez. As soon as Dave hears if the application is approved, he will let Gerry know so his students can start the work. A permit is in place for Sayward Forest (Tatro Hill). Linday Sayward (the late John Sayward's daughter) would like to be present when the kiosk is to be erected. Gerry is aware of this and will contact her.

Land Trust Funding Requests

Two applications were reviewed by the committee.

- 1) Justin and Angie Poulin are requesting a \$5,000 grant for the former Paul Webster farm for the portion of land that is in Randolph. They plan to open up some land for pasture for a beef cow herd and improve a maple sugar orchard. Committee agreed that the application met criterion 1, 3, and 7 and partially met criterion 6 and 8. A concern the committee had was that recreation is lightly addressed. Brendan made a motion to approve the application for the Poulin request to be funded in the amount of \$2,500. Dave seconded and motion passed unanimously.
  
- 2) Ayers Brook Goat Dairy LLC (former Hodgdon Farm property) is requesting a \$5,000 grant. Committee determined that the application addresses criterion 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The committee recommended approval of the grant request with a contingency that the new farm owners participate in the River Corridor Easement Program. Brendan made a motion to approve the application for Ayers Brook Goat Dairy LLC to fund at an amount of \$2,500

with recommendation that landowners participate in the River Corridor Easement Program. Sid seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Brendan will draft a recommendation of approval for each request to be submitted to the select board. He will bring draft(s) to next RCC meeting for committee review before submitting the committee's recommendations for funding to the select board.

#### Forest Brochures

No discussion.

#### Riverbank Cleanup

This is in regard to firewood in flood plain that Gerry is requesting to do with his students. Brendan has looked at current recommendations from the NRCS and White River Partnership and did not see any conflict. It seems to be in line with activity that others are doing. Committee agreed that the RCC should maintain a neutral position in this matter and should be in line with the ANR recommendations for cleanup.

#### Other Business

Dave reported that John Kaplan, the Randolph Select Board Liaison to the RCC, had attended in March when we did not have a quorum for a formal meeting. Sid also noted that a representative from the newly formed Braintree Conservation Commission had attended to learn what the RCC was doing. Those present shared what the RCC is currently doing and some history.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

*The Randolph Conservation Commission regularly meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Randolph Town Hall. Next meeting will be May 15, 2012. Potluck snacks will be served, please bring a dish to share!*

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