



Randolph Conservation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:00pm
Conference Room B at Town Hall

1. Call to order
2. Approval of March minutes
3. ROC - Morgan - Sayward Grant update
4. Logging status update
5. Reservoir/Ellis status update
6. Invasive Species Management Day support letter
7. Update on May 3 bat program
8. Other/new business
9. Adjourn



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Rachel Westbrook - Chair - Emily Lewis - Vice Chair
Courtney Gately - Treasurer - Jessamyn West - Communications
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Dear Vermont Legislature,

The Randolph Conservation Commission (RCC) supports the proposal for the creation of Vermont Invasive Species Management Day.

Randolph is home to three town forests and several other wooded recreational areas. We have many residents who manage their own woodlots, agricultural, or conservation areas. Invasive pests such as the emerald ash borer and invasive plants such as buckthorn, wild chervil, honeysuckle, and knotweed make maintaining and enjoying these lands more difficult and more costly.

In many cases preventative actions can help mitigate these costs. Raising awareness of the different ways land owners, municipalities, and community groups can help with these efforts can help distribute the workload in caring for our lands.

The RCC has taken steps towards managing invasives.

- We published a 91-page Emerald Ash Borer Preparedness plan and distributed it for free on our website
- We did several public programs on invasive plants and ways to manage them in mechanical and biological ways
- We had work parties to do early-season invasive plant eradication in our town forest before seeds could be dispersed

We feel that the declaration of an official day on the Saturday after Green Up Day can help us with our work, putting extra support behind the work we do trying to get the word out about the impacts of invasive species.

Thank you.

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