



Randolph Conservation Commission

Tuesday October 3 at 6:00pm

Randolph Town Hall

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Here: Brendan Barden, Courtney Gately, Emily Lewis, Jessamyn West, Jeff Thayer, Ian Blackmer, Chandler Engle, Rachel Westbrook

Guests: AJ Follensbee, Mark Rosalbo

Not here: Harrison Drapo

1. Call to order 6:03
2. Approval of September minutes, passed, JW abstain
3. Sayward update - AJ Follensbee Orange and Windsor County Forrester

Lots to go over. Sale is marked, loggers are looking at it. AJ handed out maps (include). 12-13 acres of thinning. Plantations involved removal of spruce and red pine about 5 acres. Sayward is 70 acres, logged areas are about 24 areas. Roads are flagged. Will need to flag bike trails to try to minimize impact and reach out to Ridgeline with specifics. Contract will include clean up of trails as much as possible. Has to be a winter job because it's wet there now. Contract is a two-year contract so could happen this or next winter.

Kiosk and picnic table will need to move and logs will be piled behind current picnic table area. This will include some work on the "landing" area but just to get a truck in there. We could think about whether we'd want to do additional improvement to the parking area, maybe have that be something we build into the contract.

Looking at bids (see attached image). Longview has a few different crews and a lot of equipment. Derek is local and has a lot of equipment. AJ said they are both good candidates for this type of job. We went over the different items from the bids. Some of the measurements are estimated by group and some are tree-by-tree (i.e the plantations are not marked tree-by-tree). Derek's bid offers more on the white ash. Longview is a bit better on the white and red

pine. the place will be somewhat messy looking "for a while" (maybe 5 years) and that might require some ongoing outreach. We might want to put some signs up about it so people know what they're looking at.

Ethan Tapper in Chittenden has done some similar signage. **Emily** has some contacts to reach out in Hinesburg. Discussion about whether it's on us to suggest/pick one of the two bidders and how there are a LOT of variables that might go into this estimate so just going for a higher bid might not always be the one to pick on this. Longview has more crews. Aldrighetti has one other job they need to do before they could do this job in the upcoming winter. Both options are good. Discussion of how to make decisions and the economics of logging. We are going to go back to both bidders and see if they can build in some parking area improvements. Discussion of parking area improvements, where they would be (off and to the right). **AJ** will talk with both of them about specifics about this and see what their machine rates are to get an idea about how parking improvement would need to happen.

Rachel will check in with Trevor about who makes the final decision.

EAB walk with AJ and Jeff went well and was well-attended.

Next walk is October 12 at 5:15.

4. Grant opportunities - Mark Rosalbo - deferred to next month

5. South Pleasant Street Forest - adjoining property update and discussion - **Jeff** will talk to Mark R about this. Jeff spoke with the the Brighams who own a parcel on Pearl Street which they were looking to sell or possibly donated. Discussion about whether the property is contaminated and whether that's a remediation project the town wants to take on. Or possibly it doesn't need to be remediated if it's just trails and not being used for things that might require clean up. Two Rivers Ottauquechee could do an assessment of the property for about 4K as a "phase one" (inspection, not specific testing) which might be able to be paid for with grants. This parcel would add access to the current town forest property.

Jessamyn will scan the test results and send to the RCC list.

6. Old business - deferred

7. New business - deferred

8. Adjourn 7:15

Aldrighetti Bid Rates

Longview Bid Rates

White Pine Sawlogs	\$150.00	\$3,174.00	White Pine Sawlogs	\$165.00	\$3,491.40
Red Pine Sawlog	\$10.00	\$249.90	Red Pine Sawlog	\$35.00	\$874.65
Norway Spruce Sawlogs	\$75.00	\$828.00	Norway Spruce Sawlogs	\$110.00	\$1,214.40
White Ash Sawlogs	\$400.00	\$8,304.00	White Ash Sawlogs	\$310.00	\$6,435.60
Sugar Maple Sawlogs	\$300.00	\$7,632.00	Sugar Maple Sawlogs	\$250.00	\$6,360.00
Red Maple Sawlogs	\$100.00	\$337.00	Red Maple Sawlogs	\$100.00	\$337.00
Other Hardwood Sawlogs	\$50.00	\$18.00	Other Hardwood Sawlogs	\$100.00	\$36.00
Hardwood Mat	\$50.00		Hardwood Mat	\$100.00	
Hardwood Pallet	\$10.00		Hardwood Pallet	\$25.00	
Softwood Pallet	\$50.00		Softwood Pallet	\$15.00	
Hardwood Fuelwood/Pulp	\$10.00	\$1,239.00	Hardwood Fuelwood/Pulp	\$10.00	\$1,239.00
Softwood Fuelwood/Pulp	\$5.00	\$6.10	Softwood Fuelwood/Pulp	\$0.00	
Total Revenue		\$21,788.00	Total Revenue		\$19,988.05
Total Deductions		\$2,500.00	Total Deductions		\$4,500.00
Income Estimate		\$19,288.00	Income Estimate		\$15,488.05

MARKED VOLUME

<u>Sawlog SP.</u>	<u>MBF</u>
White Pine	21.16
Sugar Maple	8.86
White Ash	16.48
Red Maple	1.46
Norway Spruce	7
Yellow Birch	0.18
Paper Birch	0.18
Total MBF	55.32
CORDS	
Hardwood	81.90
Softwood	1.22

ESTIMATED VOLUME

<u>Plantation</u>	<u>MBF</u>
Red Pine	24.99
NS	4.04
Groups Volume	MBF
Sugar Maple	16.58
White Ash	4.28
Red Maple	1.91
Total MBF	51.8
CORDS	
Hardwood	42