Town of Randolph Conservation Commission Minutes of March 8, 2017

Members Present: Bruce Kirmmse (Chairman), Roberta Arbree, Jim Hunt, and Gary Newfield

Members Absent: Walter Graff, Guy Stever and Lauren Bradley (Selectmen's Rep)

Others present: Bob Potter

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Kirmmse

Public Hearing: Chairman Kirmsse opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm on the purchase of two parcels of land in Jefferson to be added to the Town Forest. Stag Hollow Brook runs through Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 borders Pond of Safety Road. Part of the land is open meadow and will be maintained as such. Chairman Kirmsse informed the board that he had received a phone call from Bryant Pake questioning the cost to the Town to purchase the property. Chairman Kirmsse explained that a private donation would be used to purchase the property and the PILOT payment to Jefferson will come from the Town Forest Revenue. The property is in Current Use and the 2015 taxes were \$512. Though the purchase price is being covered by donations, the donors are asking the town to cover the closing fees. Bruce would like to ask the Randolph Foundation to cover the costs as the money in the Conservation Fund is already earmarked for the Moose River study. Chairman Kirmsse closed the public hearing at 7:15.

Minutes of January 12, 2017 – On a motion from Jim with a second from Gary, the board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Adjournment – On a motion from Roberta with a second from Jim the meeting adjourned at 7:27

Respectfully submitted.

Michelle M Lutz March 15, 2017