

Town of Randolph

Conservation Commission

Minutes of December 14, 2017

Members Present: Bruce Kirmmse (Chairman), Guy Stever and James Hunt

Members Excused: Walter Graff, Roberta Arbree, Gary Newfield and Lauren Bradley (Selectmen's Rep)

Member of the Public: John Scarinza and Edith Tucker

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chairman Kirmmse

Minutes of September 14, 2017. The board passed over the minutes

Public Hearing – Chairman Kirmmse opened the public hearing at 7:04. The board met to discuss the acceptance of a gift of money to purchase land in Randolph. Chairman Kirmmse asked Mr. Scarinza to explain to the board what the purchase was. The Brady Trust who own parcels in Jefferson sold 2 parcels to the town last year to be added to the town forest in order to protect it. They now have one more parcel along Ingerson Road that they would like to sell to the Town to also be added to the Town Forest. This parcel is approximately 15.26 acres and abuts Route 2 on the South, Ingerson Road on the West and land of Christine Smith on the East. This purchase would protect Stag Hollow Brook from its inception all the way to Route 2 except for 3 parcels owned by Mr. Cook. The Forest Commission wants an easement on the adjacent parcel still owned by the Brady Trust to make the purchased parcel contiguous to the Town Forest. Approximately 3-4 acres of the land are currently open which will likely be maintained that way as wildlife openings. There is a private donation that will cover the purchase price and the legal costs associated with the purchase. The land will be put into Current Use if it isn't already. The Town Forest Revolving fund will use money from timber harvesting and sugaring to cover the payments to the Town of Jefferson for PILOT payments. On a motion from Guy with a second from James, the board voted to accept the donation to purchase the land in Jefferson.

Adjournment: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle M. Lutz
December 20, 2017