

# Town of Randolph

## Planning Board Minutes

November 2, 2017

**Members Present:** Roberta Arbree, Arlene Eisenburg and John Scarinza

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Chairman Scarinza

**Minutes of September 7, 2017:** On a motion from Roberta with a second from Arlene, the board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

**Minutes of October meeting:** Due to scheduling conflicts no October meeting was held.

### **Public Hearing:**

Chairman Scarinza opened the public hearing and explained that the hearing was regarding a proposed timber harvest in the Town Forest. The management plan calls for the Bowman Road area to be next but the area of defoliation by Forest Tent Caterpillars in this area has necessitated a move to the other side of the valley to the Pond of Safety area to avoid stressors on the forest. This cut will be approximately 1000 acres and will take place over 2 winters. The management plan originally called for a patch or clear cut but will be changed to thinning to remove dying ash & birch to allow maples to develop for potential sugar lease in the future. Phase 1 will happen this winter with phase 2 next winter unless 2 culverts on the Pond of Safety Road need to be fixed. On a motion from Arlene with a second from Roberta, the board voted to approve the timber harvest. The public hearing was closed at 7:34

**New Business:** The planning board is responsible for appointing alternate members to the Conservation Commission. Currently Laura Brockett is interested in serving on the board. On a motion from Arlene with a second from Roberta the board voted to appoint Laura as an alternate member to the Conservation Commission.

**Old Business:** Tara Bamford has submitted a proposal for a Steep Slopes ordinance. The board would like to have her come to the December meeting to discuss the ordinance.

**Adjournment:** The board adjourned at 7:35 by mutual consensus.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Michelle M. Lutz**

**November 4, 2017**