



**Fremont Conservation Commission  
Minutes of  
August 8, 2013**

Present: Chairman Bill Knee, Co-Chairman Janice O'Brien, Member Pat deBeer, Alt. Leanne Miner, Mike Speltz, formerly of the NH Forest Society, and Alt/Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. Knee opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.  
Alt. Miner was not a voting Member for this meeting.

**FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Note: Bid proposals for a timber harvest operation of approximately 75 acres of the middle section of the Glen Oakes Town Forest from Eric LaFramboise of Barnstead, Joseph Bolduc of Fremont, Fred LeClair & Sons of Fremont, and William Perron of Deerfield were opened and reviewed at the August 5, 2013 Conservation Commission meeting.

Mbr. deBeer wanted to discuss safety issues and protecting the existing signage during the logging operation. Chrm. Knee said this meeting is solely to award the logging contract and other issues can be discussed at a later time.

To make Mbr. O'Brien aware of the issues as she was not present at the August 5, 2013 meeting, and in answer to her questions Chrm. Knee briefly went over Forester Charlie Moreno's comments and explained that Mr. Moreno had advised that a timber harvest with a skidder requires smaller skid trails than with a chipper operation and is a lighter operation. With a chipper operation there would typically need to be more trails than with a skidder and the layout of trails would need to be larger to accommodate the equipment. There would be a need to mark some extra trees so the volumes would be more.

Chrm. Knee added that Mr. Moreno had explained that this harvest is more about improving the forest than about the money and the forest is marked conservatively for a light cut for the following reasons:

- To help make minimum change of the scenery.
- The Management Plan calls for re-entry every 12-15 years and to allow that the volume taken out today needs to lend for return cutting.
- The forest is split into 3 sections. In 3-5 years the 2<sup>nd</sup> section can be done and 3-5 years after that the 3<sup>rd</sup> section can be done, etc.

The Commission reviewed the timber sale bid summary to be paid to the Town that was compiled by Mr. Moreno on August 7, 2013 based on stumpage pricing as outlined on the bid sheet and logger availability.

The net results were:

- Bolduc \$8,026
- LaFramboise \$8,508
- Perron \$9,799
- LeClair \$12,529

*Complete bid summary attached.*

*See file for actual bids submitted.*

Chrm. Knee asked for a poll of the Members opinions for awarding the contract based on the bids and the bid summary and the results were:

- Mbr. O'Brien – LeClair
- Mbr. deBeer – LeClair
- Alt. Miner - LeClair

Chrm. Knee made the motion that based on the Conservation Commissions' review of the bids and the bid summary, the contract be awarded to Fred LeClair & Sons.

Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

At 7:25 pm Chrm. Knee made the motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

Next regular meeting: September 9, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Land Use AA/Recording Secretary

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Timber Sale Bid Summary for the Glen Oakes Conservation Area  
 Fremont, New Hampshire

August 7, 2013

| Species/Product                   | BIDDERS       |                 |                  |                 |                     |                  |                |                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                   | Joseph Bolduc |                 | Eric LaFramboise |                 | Fred LeClair & Sons |                  | William Perron |                 |
|                                   | \$/MBF        | Total Value     | \$/MBF           | Total Value     | \$/MBF              | Total Value      | \$/MBF         | Total Value     |
| White Pine grade logs<br>28.4 MBF | \$ 130        | \$ 3,682        | \$ 165           | \$ 4,686        | \$ 175              | \$ 4,970         | \$ 170         | \$ 4,828        |
| White Pine pallet logs<br>2.7 MBF | \$ 25         | \$ 68           | \$ 20            | \$ 54           | \$ 175              | \$ 473           | \$ 30          | \$ 81           |
| Red Pine logs<br>0.1 MBF          | \$ -          | \$ -            | \$ 20            | \$ 2            | \$ 80               | \$ 8             | \$ 40          | \$ 4            |
| Hemlock logs<br>2.1 MBF           | \$ 35         | \$ 74           | \$ 30            | \$ 63           | \$ 80               | \$ 168           | \$ 40          | \$ 84           |
| Red Oak veneer<br>0.6 MBF         | \$ 300        | \$ 180          | \$ 615           | \$ 369          | \$ 500              | \$ 300           | \$ 565         | \$ 339          |
| Red Oak grade logs<br>7.3 MBF     | \$ 200        | \$ 1,460        | \$ 228           | \$ 1,664        | \$ 300              | \$ 2,190         | \$ 225         | \$ 1,643        |
| Red Oak pallet logs<br>2.5 MBF    | \$ 40         | \$ 100          | \$ 30            | \$ 75           | \$ 140              | \$ 350           | \$ 30          | \$ 75           |
| Hardwood pallet logs<br>1.5 MBF   | \$ 35         | \$ 53           | \$ 30            | \$ 45           | \$ 100              | \$ 150           | \$ 30          | \$ 45           |
| Pine pulp<br>50 Tons              | \$ -          | \$ -            | \$ 1.00          | \$ 50           | \$ 5.00             | \$ 250           | \$ 2.00        | \$ 100          |
| Hemlock pulp<br>150 Tons          | \$ -          | \$ -            | \$ 2.00          | \$ 300          | \$ 5.00             | \$ 750           | \$ 4.00        | \$ 600          |
| Hardwood pulp<br>204 Tons         | \$ -          | \$ -            | \$ 5.00          |                 | \$ 5.00             | \$ 1,020         | \$ -           | \$ -            |
| Firewood<br>80 Cords              | \$ 20.00      | \$ 1,600        | \$ 15.00         | \$ 1,200        |                     | \$ -             | \$ 15.00       | \$ 1,200        |
| Whole tree chips<br>400 tons      | \$ 2.00       | \$ 800          | \$ -             | \$ -            | \$ 5.00             | \$ 2,000.00      | \$ 2.00        | \$ 800.00       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                     |               | <b>\$ 8,026</b> |                  | <b>\$ 8,508</b> |                     | <b>\$ 12,629</b> |                | <b>\$ 9,799</b> |
| Other cost, if any:               |               | none            |                  | none            |                     | none             |                | none            |
| <b>NET</b>                        |               | <b>\$ 8,026</b> |                  | <b>\$ 8,508</b> |                     | <b>\$ 12,629</b> |                | <b>\$ 9,799</b> |

Stumpage value converted from logger's quoted operating fee, assuming a \$275/MBF average mill-delivered value.

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| Quoted schedule for project operation: | Immediately | February-March 2014 | Immediately | Fall/Winter 2013<br>Before March 2014 |
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- Notes: 1) Because hardwood pulp and firewood are interchangeable, only pricing for one product was calculated for each bidder. If a bidder's pricing for the two products calculated differently, then the higher of the two was used.  
 2) Stumpage value for bidders using logging fee method for red oak logs assumes mill delivered values of \$800/MBF for veneer and \$460/MBF for grade logs.

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