

Minutes
Forest and Parks Commission
August 5, 2024
6:00 p.m. at the Chelsea Public Library

Present: Jen Chase, Susan Elder, Andy Pomerantz, Pete Amber, Robin Amber, John Upham,
John Latham.

1. The Minutes of July 1, 2024 were approved as submitted.
2. There were no public comments other than the group receives general good cheer from the community that we exist and are working on projects.
3. Jen Chase read her proposed language for the commons' needs in the upcoming years including additional trees, aeration of the greens, fertilization, fill for low spots and general practices for the health of the commons. The proposal will include a budget for each item which will include fundraising and grants to defer costs.
Robin Amber suggested that any proposal might include a review of the use of both commons as a whole and how they are used separately. John Upham suggested that leveling of the greens with fill could be done a little each year to help spread out the costs. Pete thinks he has a link to an aerator and will inquire.
4. Susan announced the pollinator "kick off" event in conjunction with the town library at the farmers market 8/16. Folks are encouraged to participate and help out. She needs help with the language to be printed on the signage for the garden and she needs to set a date for plant shopping. Liz Amber and Mary Gratz will join in on the trip to Brown's Nursery. Planting of trees/bushes will be during the second week of October and all hands on deck will be needed to help with planting and school children participation. It was suggested that each grade could "adopt" a tree to keep an eye on its health and to help water during the critical first years.
5. Pete is speaking with the Health Center board about combining a memorial tree planting. The Health Center Board is meeting again soon to discuss.
6. Town Forest Trails. It was decided to wait for Kate to return and then discuss logging plans with the town. Andy will contact Dave Pagenelli in the meantime.
7. Since our next meeting falls on Labor Day the meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 instead. It will be held at the Library at the usual 6:00 p.m. time.
8. Adjourn at 7:00 p.m.