

Minutes
Forest and Parks Commission
May 5, 2025
6:00 p.m. at the Chelsea Public Library

Present: Jen Chase, Susan Elder, Peter Amber.

1. As only three members attended no motions were made. Jen Chase suggested that we might want to consider meeting only every other month in the summertime since attendance is low.
2. Town Forest. Sean Ogle from the Upper Valley Trail Alliance walked the north side of the Town Forest (from the center road of Jenkins Brook Road) with Andy Pomerantz, Kate Willard and Susan Elder. He completed GIS mapping of streams, wet areas, trails, stone walls, and other key elements for the purpose of creating future recreation trails. Sean is open to setting another date to finish the lot to the south of Jenkins Brook road.
3. Stream bank issues. Kate Willard emailed concerning First Branch clean-up. She suggested that we might want to organize a stream bank clean up from the Heath Field south. A discussion was held on the trees affected by beavers and what tree protection will be needed in the future.
4. Tree Grants. Jen Chase will get clarification on the current situation of the two new tree grants. She will ask if the funds have arrived and to ask if the grant funds can be kept in separate accounts.
5. Susan and Jen are working on submitting the end of year report for the pollinator funds. It is due May 20th. Benches are being worked on now at the school. Wintertime deer proofing material, additional shrubs, and additional mulch have been purchased and will zero out the account. An adjoining neighbor to the pollinator garden has assisted in identifying property lines by putting up stakes and was grateful for the additional privacy the new trees will create.
6. Adjourn at 7:10 pm.