

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

Present: Jen Chase, Susan Elder, Kate Willard, Robin Amber, Pete Amber

1. Minutes of August and September were approved as submitted.
2. No public comments.
3. Greens maintenance. Pete has met with Roni Johnson (not Ron Johnson who mows the town commons), and has a quote for soil, top soil, grass seeding, filling holes, and a curb system. It is his opinion that the North Common will be more work than the south Common. Jen will approach the selectboard to ask if the donation from a private member of the public will have to be run through town funds in order to work on town lands.
4. The Pollinator Garden has been watered through the drought by many hands including the school students and the Amber family. At the November meeting we will need to schedule a work bee date to set up the deer protection for the trees for winter. The stakes and wrapping materials are ready.
5. Tree Grants Updates. The grant management person spoke to Susan and Jen to get an update on the planting of the new trees. Due to the drought none have been planted but they are marked at the plant nursery awaiting planting next spring.
6. Town Forest UVT Alliance. Jen will ask the UVTAs personnel to go ahead and schedule the rest of the Town Forest mapping. She will ask him to let our group know the date so as many folks can join in as possible. After review of GIS on-line maps it appears it may be possible to connect the Town Forest through the Hemenway property to Flagpole Hill in Vershire and beyond to other trails. As Hemenway, LLC has allowed other trails on the large property it is hopeful this may work. This plan will be shared with the UVTa person as a goal and will provide a way of promoting a hiking pinnacle point or objective target for the town forest trails.
7. The next meeting will be Monday, November 3rd at 6:00.
8. Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.